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新しい机だ。
前の机が使いやすかったので,
わさわざ同じ大きさで,
特注したのだ。
しかしせっかく新しくなったのに,
この有り様だ。
この間なんか,
瞬間接着剤までこぼして
「泣」が入った。
まあそんな状態なので,
アシスタントの中には2ヵ月たっても
気がつかない人もいた。
逆に言えばなじんでるとも言える。
これからもよろしく頼むぞ。
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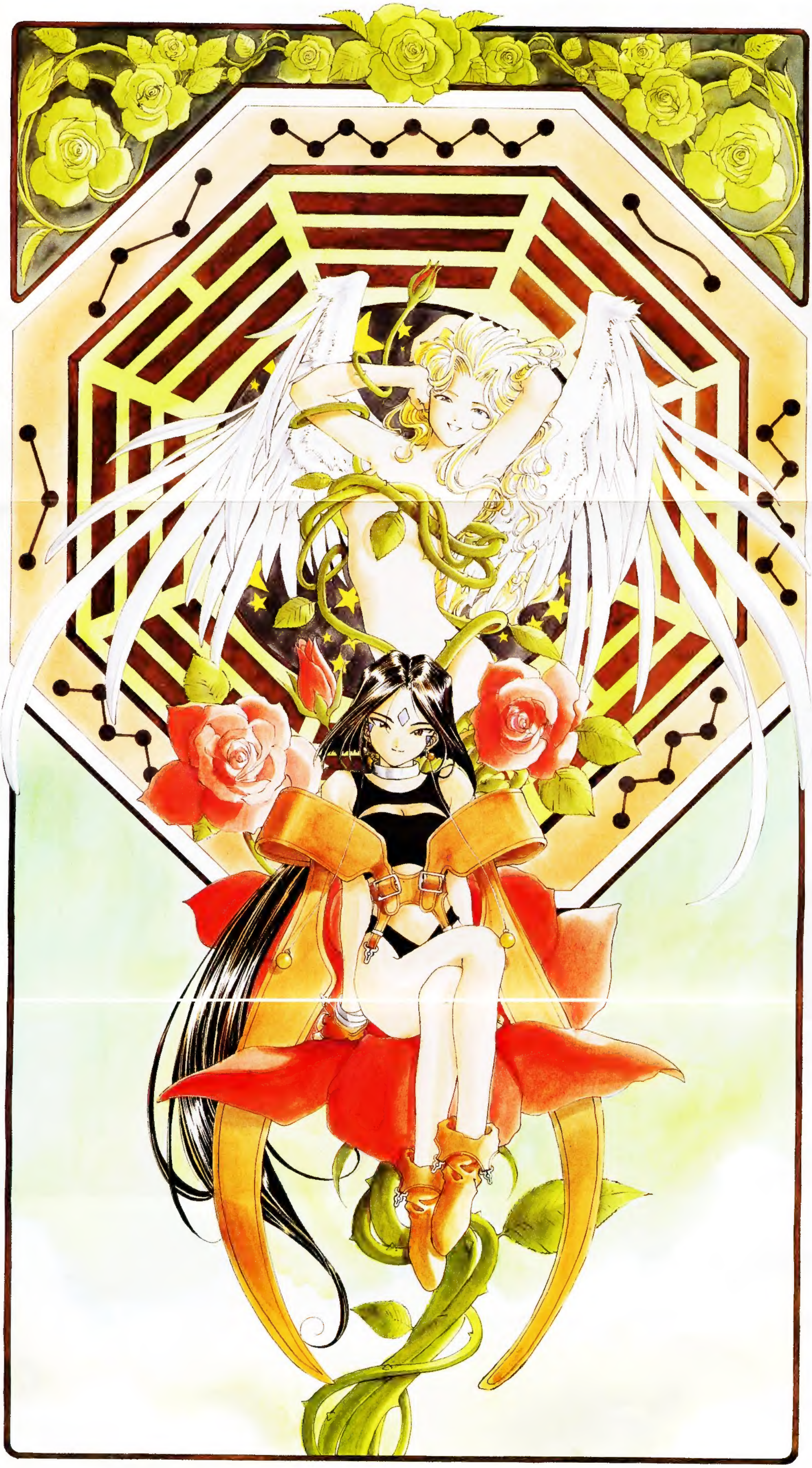

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LIVE TO WORK,
WORK TO LIVE!

NOT A CHANCE.

HUH ...?

WAITING UNTIL THIS TIME OF THE YEAR TO VISIT THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE IS BAD ENOUGH...

...BUT ON TOP OF THAT, IT'S *QUITE* UNUSUAL TO HAVE *ANYTHING* AVAILABLE IN THAT PARTICULAR INDUSTRY.

GEEZ... I DIDN'T KNOW...

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WAIT... HERE'S SOMETHING SIMILAR.

REALLY ...?!

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MA'AM... RACING *HORSES* IS NOT EXACTLY "SIMILAR" TO RACING *MOTORCYCLES*.

I SEE. MY APOLOGIES, SIR.

HEYA, GUYS!

I WAS IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD, SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY.

....?

oh hi

WHAT'S THIS? *DEPRESSION* AGAIN?

MORE LIKE *RECESSION* AGAIN.

AH-*HA*. JOB HUNTING?

DON'T TELL ME YOU JUST STARTED *TODAY?!*

YEAH, SO SUE ME! SHEESH... MAYBE I *SHOULD* JUST GO SHOVEL UP HORSE MANURE...

SURE.

I MEAN, WHY THE HELL NOT? IF THAT'S WHAT YOU *REALLY WANT*, KEIICHI MORISATO.

HUH?

SAY--YOU GET ANY HOT INSIDE TIPS, YOU'LL SHARE THEM WITH YOUR OLD BUDDY CHIHIRO, RIGHT? ❤

WELL, UH ...?

...

"WHY THE HELL NOT?

"IF THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY WANT..."

"I'M GOING TO QUIT THE TEAM, AND START MAKING THE KIND OF BIKES I WANT TO MAKE."

"THAT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO, TOO!"

"WELL, KEIICHI... SOMEHOW I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT."

BELLDANDY? WHY DID YOU APPLY TO THE "GODDESS TECHNICAL HELP LINE"...?

WELL, LET ME THINK.

THERE WERE LOTS OF REASONS, BUT...

...I THINK IT WAS THE SMILE ON PEOPLE'S FACES WHEN THEY FINALLY GOT THEIR WISH.

I JUST *LOVED* THAT PART OF IT.

... ... THAT'S THE *KEY*, ISN'T IT?

I'M HOME...

YEAH.

IT'S *GOT* TO BE SOME-THING I LOVE.

YO, *K1*-- YOU'VE GOT MAIL.

NOW *THERE'S* SOME-ONE...

...WHO *REALLY* ENJOYS THEIR JOB.

WHAT? *WHAT?!*

URK!

N-NOTHING!

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"TAKAMI IMAI" ...? WHO?

GIMME A BREAK, URD! I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS NAME BE--

BETCHA IT'S FROM SOME *LADY FRIEND,* RIGHT?

WAY TO GO, LOVER BOY! ♥

....
....

NO, WAIT A SEC..

HRMM.

LEMME THINK....

MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE AN EVENING

AH! NOW I REMEMBER!

IT'S OL' !

AH, WELL. TOO BAD.

I TOTALLY FORGOT THAT HE GOT A JOB AT *WYVERN* WHEN HE GRADUATED.

"WYVERN" ...? WHAT'S THAT?

CUSTOMCYCLES! WYVERN NOW OPEN IN VENTURA!

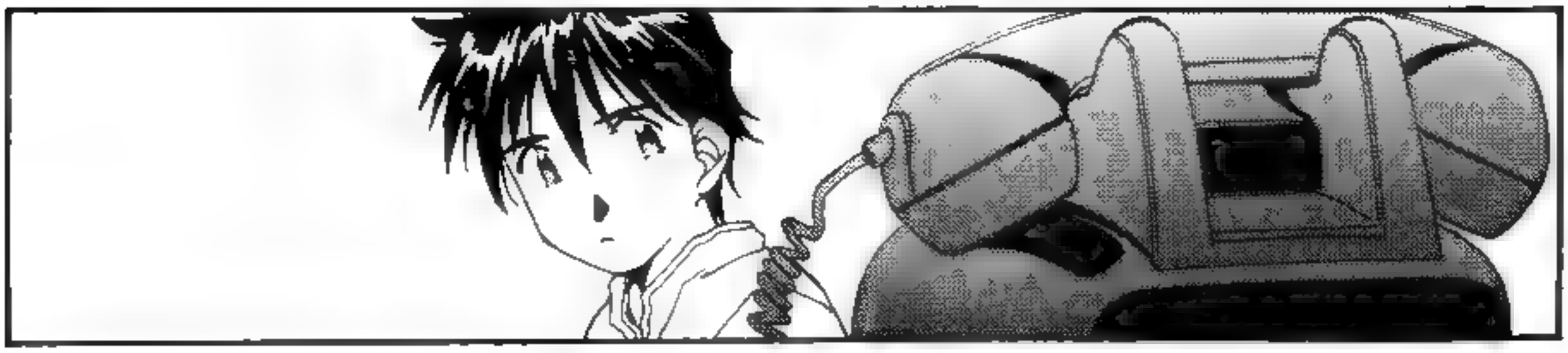
THEY MAKE AFTER-MARKET PARTS FOR CUSTOMIZING MOTORCYCLES, BELL.

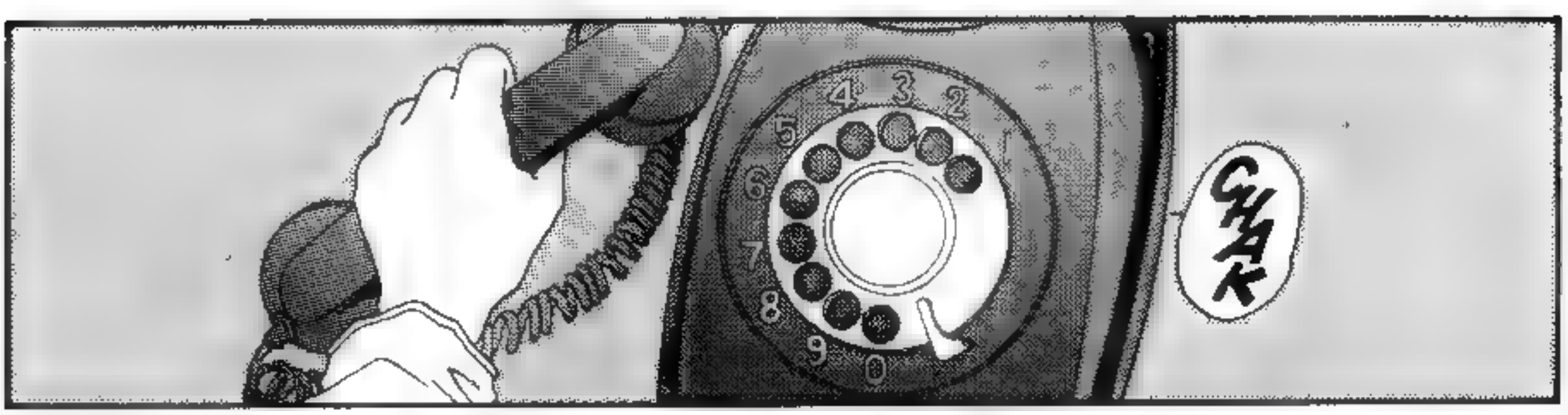
MASS-PRODUCED BIKES ARE DESIGNED FOR THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR.

BUT SOME PEOPLE WANT TO TUNE AND CUSTOMIZE THEM TO THEIR OWN SPECS-- AND WYVERN MAKES THE PARTS THEY NEED.

RECENTLY, THEY EXPANDED AND STARTED BUILDING COMPLETE MACHINES...

"I'M GOING TO QUIT THE TEAM, AND START MAKING THE KIND OF BIKES I WANT TO MAKE."

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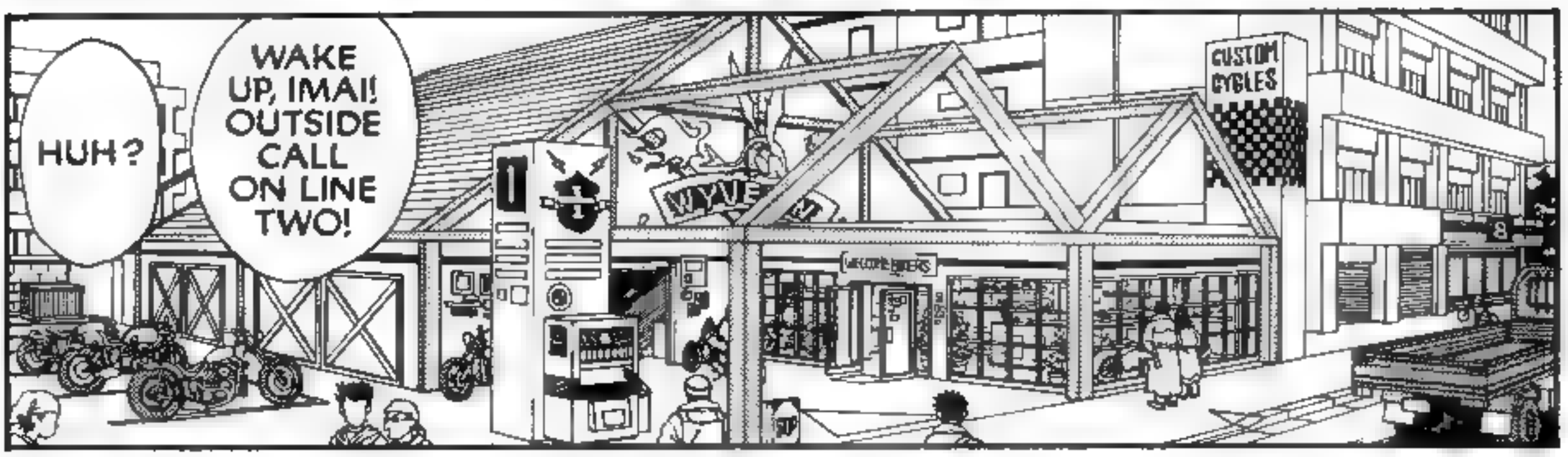
HUH?
WAKE UP, IMAI! OUTSIDE CALL ON LINE TWO!
CUSTOM CYCLES

WHAT?! YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR A JOB?
IF I HAD TO GUESS, MORISATO, I'D SAY YOU DIDN'T START LOOKING UNTIL YESTERDAY OR SOMETHING.
RIGHT? BUT THAT'S COOL. HOLD ON A SEC.
BINGO!
SORRY...
...'BOUT THAT

BWA HA HAH!

NO KIDDING. THE WAY YOU LOOKED JUST NOW...

...WAS *SO SERIOUS* IT WAS PAINFUL TO SEE!

GEEZ LOUISE, URD!! THIS IS *SERIOUS BUSINESS!*

....

LIGHTEN UP, BOY!

KOOCHIE KOOCHIE KOO!

HEY ?!

HELLO? *HELLO?* HEL-LO-OH?!

BWA HAW HAW

C- CUT IT OUT, URD!

HUH... I ENVY YOU, MAN. YOUR PLACE SOUNDS AS WILD AS EVER.

N-NO... IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK... I SWEAR...

ANY-WAY, THE BOSS SAYS HE'D LIKE TO MEET YOU.

YOU GOT SOME TIME TOMORROW ...?

YES! THANK YOU! I *MEAN IT*, !MAI!

NOON?

NO PROB.

THANKS AGAIN, PAL. I'LL BE THERE.

Chingg

YAHOO! PROGRESS AT LAST!!

YES! TIME TO GET PREPARED!

"PREPARED" ...? LIKE HOW?

WELL, LET'S SEE... FIRST, I'VE GOT TO GET A SUIT, GET MY HAIR CUT--

HUH?

OH, *NO!* URD! *WAIT!!*

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AEE!!

FLASH

urk...

WELL ...? HEH, HEH!

WELL, UH... THE *SUIT* IS GOOD. *VERY* GOOD. BUT...

...WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY HAIR?!

PICKY, PICKY. OKAY, THEN...

TA- *DAHH!*

BOMF

oog

BOMF

hrm.

BOMF

tee hee! ❤

DARN IT ALL, URD!! QUIT PLAYING WITH ME!

HEY, YOU WERE GETTING INTO IT, TOO!

JUST HOLD YOUR HORSES! OKAY, *LAST TIME!* THEN I'M OUT OF POWER FOR TODAY!

NOW *THAT'S* MORE LIKE IT!

OH, KEIICHI! I LIKE IT! ❤

YOU DO? GREAT!

OOPS.. MISSED ONE!

WELL, IF YOU TWO THINK IT'S OKAY, THEN...

OKAY, NEXT STEP!

THE *PRACTICAL EXAM!*

WELL... UH...
I MEAN...
...
...

I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE THIS LYING AROUND!
THE *ULTIMATE* TESTING MACHINE, *MISTER BESTER-TESTER* (BETA)...!

FROM CHEMICAL RESIDUE TESTING TO EMPLOYMENT TESTING, IT WILL--
YOU'VE TAPPED THE PHONE LINES, HAVEN'T YOU, SKULD?

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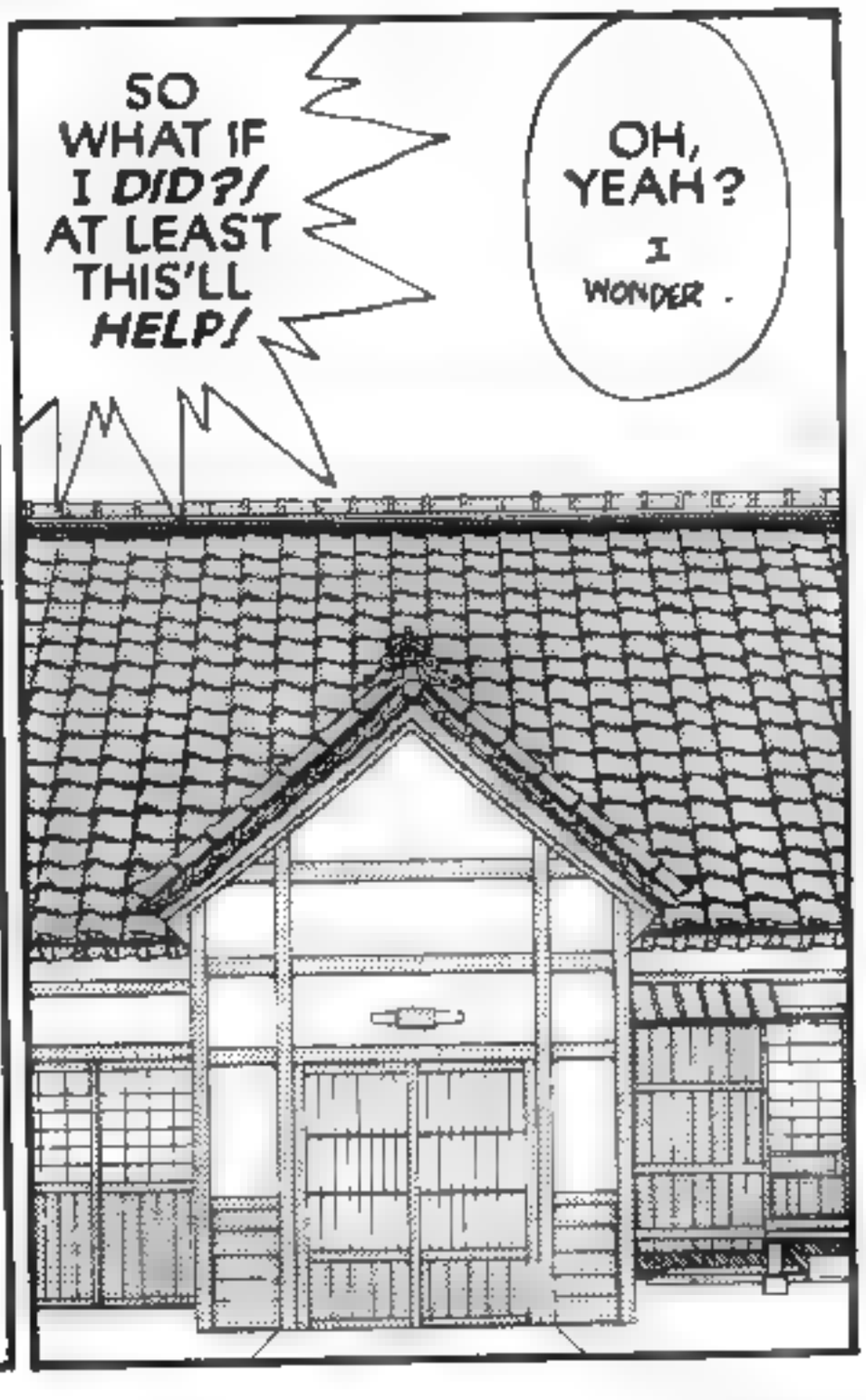

SO WHAT IF I *DID?!* AT LEAST THIS'LL *HELP!*
OH, YEAH? I WONDER.

KEIICHI'S SHOP

DO I HAVE TO WEAR IT...?

OH, KEIICHI! I LIKE IT! ♥

YOU DO? GREAT! ♡

SHE DOESN'T ACTUALLY MEAN IT. DOES SHE?

WELL, THEN, MR. MORISATO... HAVE A SEAT.

THANK YOU, MA'AM.

NOW... WHAT WAS YOUR MOTIVE FOR CHOOSING OUR COMPANY?

BECAUSE OF *LOVE!!*

OH?

ER... uh... NO, I MEAN, LIKE... BECAUSE I LOVE *BIKES!*

Y'KNOW, *MOTOR-CYCLES!* HA, HA!

BRZZT!!

UPDATE. QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED PRECISELY.

PENALTY LEVEL TWO.

FEEL KISHIKI!

UWAAH!!

OH! K-KEIICHI?!

DON'T WORRY.

IT'S MERELY TRIGGERING MUSCLE CONTRACTIONS BY SENDING A WEAK ELECTRIC PULSE THROUGH HIS BODY.

IT'S THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS *TENS* THERAPEUTIC DEVICES. IT ACTUALLY *RELIEVES* MUSCLE TENSION!

WELL... IF IT'S GOOD FOR HIM, THEN I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT...

YIP!

ARE YOU *NUTS*, SKULD?! FORGET--

NNG!

UNG?

SORRY! YOU CAN'T TAKE IT OFF.

WHAT ?!

I DESIGNED IT SO YOU CAN'T TAKE IT OFF UNTIL YOU GET A *PERFECT SCORE!*

HMM... I WONDER IF HE CAN DO IT?

Y-YOU MEAN... IF I DON'T SATISFY THIS STUPID MACHINE...

...I'LL HAVE TO *WEAR IT* TO MY JOB INTERVIEW?

OKAY THEN! WHAT'S THE NEXT QUESTION?!

ER... "WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU CAN OFFER OUR COMPANY?"

B/AM

SPORTS

GOSH... ER. GEE, I'M NOT REALLY ANYTHING SPECIAL.

THAT'S PRETTY NERVY OF YOU, CONSIDERING YOU GOT HIM INTO IT.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO HELP!

OH, I THINK HE'LL BE OKAY, DON'T YOU?

DOESN'T THE GUY *ALWAYS* PULL THROUGH?

BRZZT

WRONG. USE THE INTER-VIEW TO SELL YOURSELF.

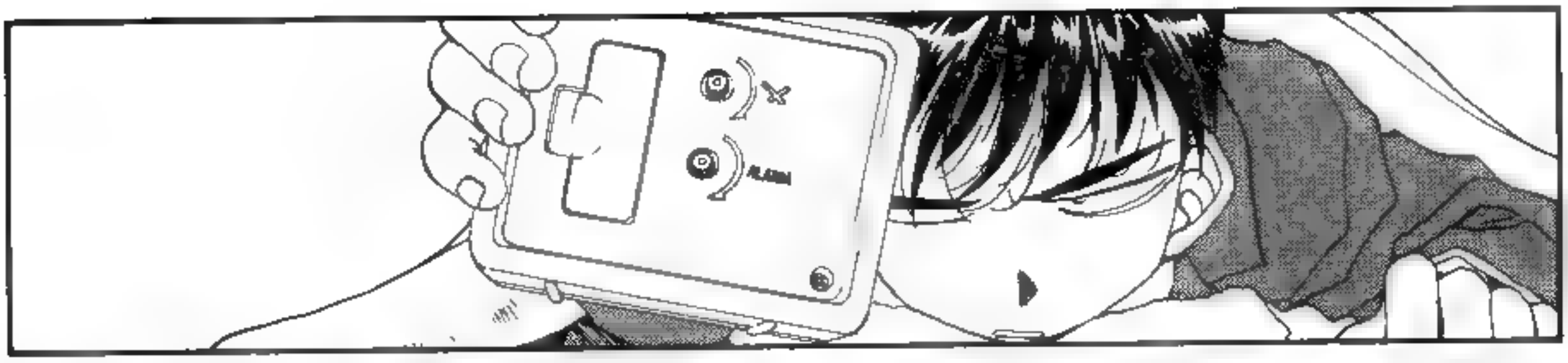
PENALTY LEVEL THREE.

YEAH. THAT'S TRUE...

HAIEEE!

...I HOPE.

MNNGRH.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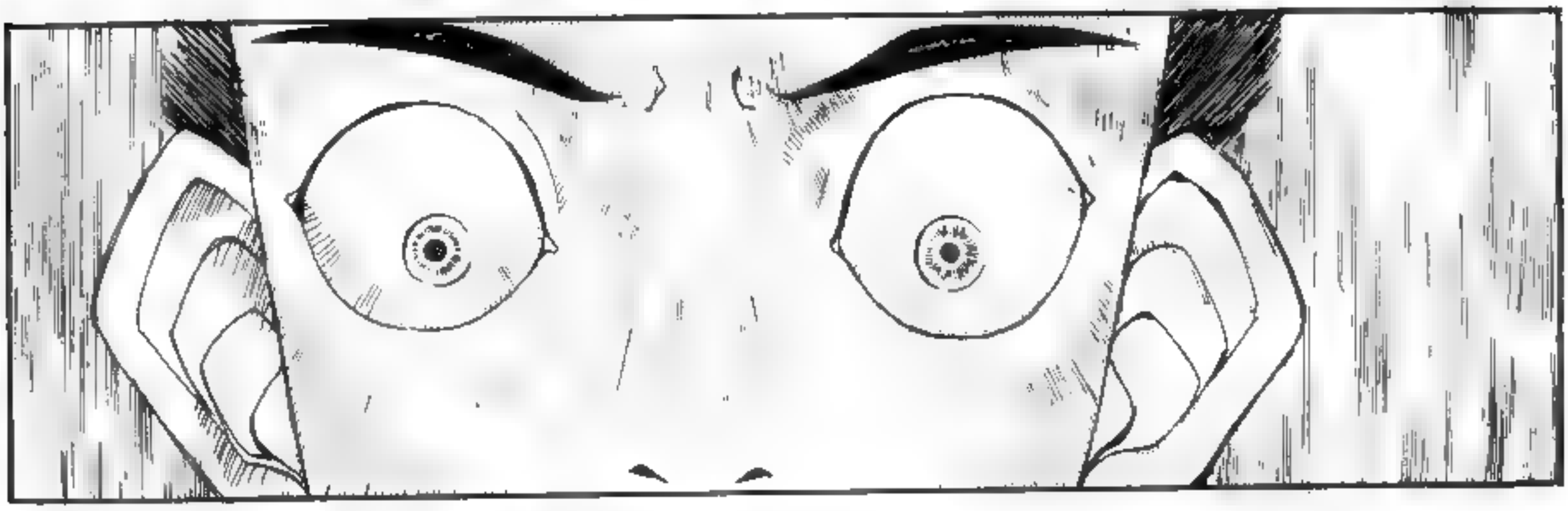
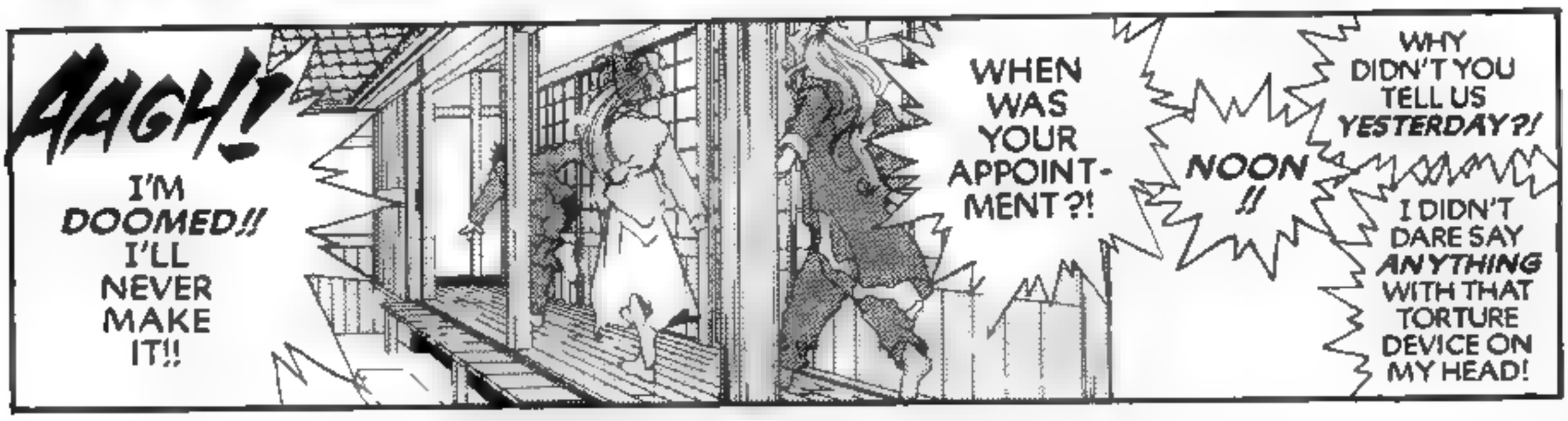
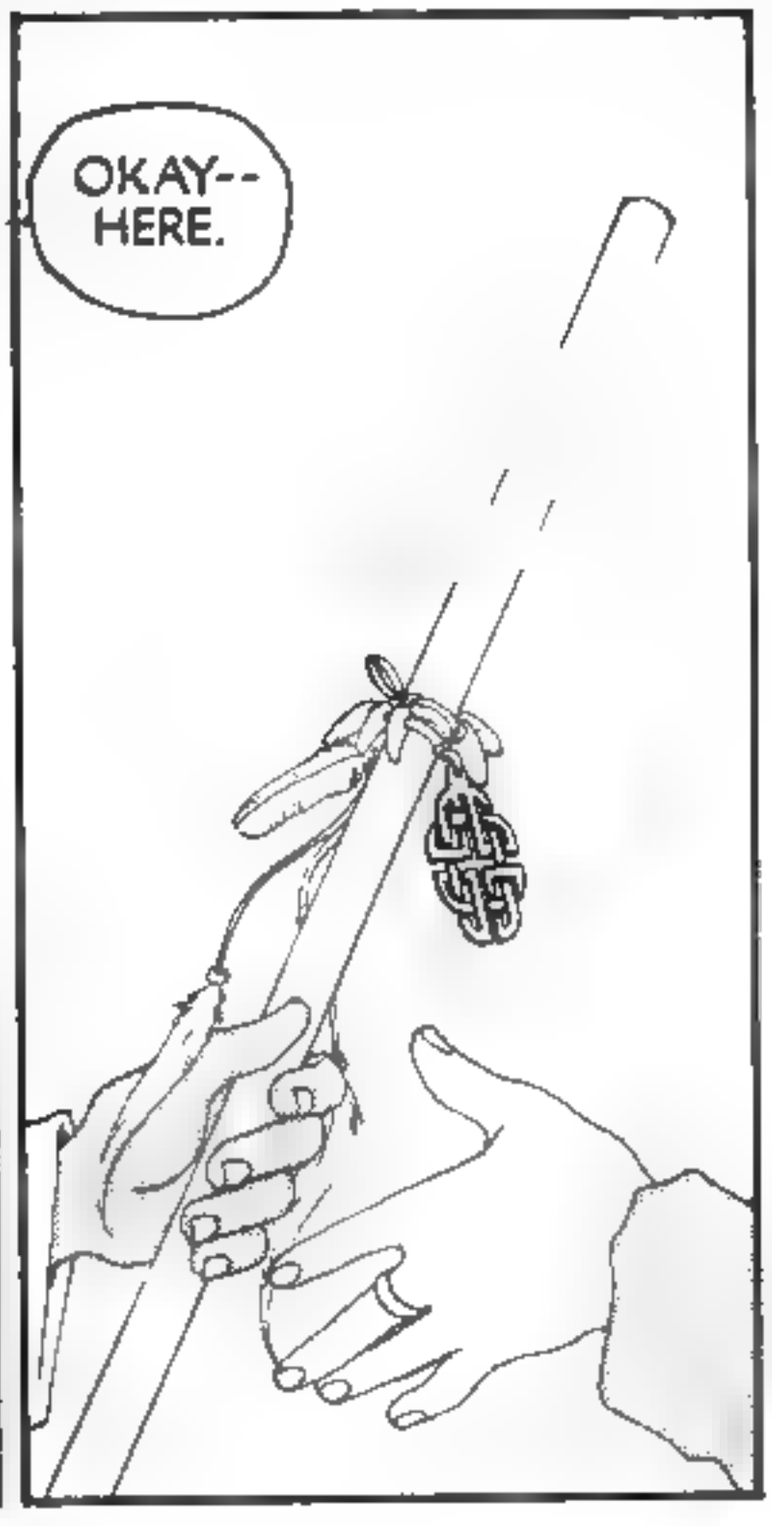



AAGH!
I'M DOOMED!! I'LL NEVER MAKE IT!!
WHEN WAS YOUR APPOINT-MENT?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US YESTERDAY?!
NOON !!
I DIDN'T DARE SAY ANYTHING WITH THAT TORTURE DEVICE ON MY HEAD!

URD! LOAN ME A BROOM!
YOUR FASTEST ONE!

WELL... I'M NOT SURE I'D RECOMMEND THAT...
JUST DO IT, PLEASE!


OKAY-- HERE.

HOLD ON TIGHT, KEIICHI!!

O-OKAY!

WHSSSH

UM...

...LIKE THIS?

OOH... I'M IN HEAVEN!

HERE WE GO!

AIIEEEEEE!!

WHY ARE THINGS ALWAYS SO CRAZY AROUND HERE?

IT'S THAT DARN KEIICHI. HE'S JUST A CRAZY KIND OF GUY.

...

YEAH.

FWEE
SH
DON'T WORRY! WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT!

I...

I... C-CAN'T BREATHE...

FWHOOSH

NO WONDER URD DIDN'T RECOMMEND IT!

I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT, KEIICHI.

RIGHT! JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

I MADE IT! ALIVE!

....

PRESIDENT

....
...!

WELL, THEN.

LET ME SEE YOUR HANDS, SON.

??

HUH ...?

ER... YES, SIR.

NO, THE BACKS OF YOUR HANDS.

NOT THE PALMS.

MM!

HE WORKS ON ENGINES, ALL RIGHT.

LOOK AT HOW DEEP THAT OIL'S SOAKED IN!

HE MUST BE AT IT EVERY SINGLE DAY.

FINE. YOU'LL DO.

WE'LL HIRE YOU AS SOON AS YOU GRADUATE.

HUH ...?

I MEAN... IS THAT ALL YOU NEED?

HOW ABOUT MY BACKGROUND, THE DIVISION I WANT TO WORK FOR... ALL THAT STUFF?

DON'T YOU NEED TO ASK...?

WHY? YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU LOVE BIKES, RIGHT?

AND YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO WORK ON THEM, RIGHT?

YOUR HANDS TOLD ME ALL I NEED TO KNOW.

I... I SEE, SIR!!

THANK YOU!!

HEY, MORISATO! YOU STILL GOTTA GRADUATE FIRST!!

WYVE

...!

Kawasaki

SHOP

OH ...!

WELCOME BIKERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU KNOW WHAT? I WAS REALLY UNCERTAIN.

I HONESTLY DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS SMART TO TURN THE THING I LOVE INTO A "JOB."

CUSTOM CYCLES

IF I MADE IT MY WORK, THEN I'D HAVE TO DO IT EVEN WHEN I WAS TIRED... WHEN I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT...

WOULD I STILL LOVE IT THEN? WOULD I BE ABLE TO KEEP THAT LOVE ALIVE?

I WONDERED IF... I DUNNO... MAYBE I SHOULD ***SAVE*** WHAT I LOVE BEST. KEEP IT LIKE A HOBBY...

...

IT'LL BE FINE!

MAYBE LOVING SOMETHING ISN'T ***ALWAYS*** FUN...

...BUT IF IT'S SOMETHING YOU FEEL FOR DEEPLY, YOU'LL NEVER ***HATE*** IT, ***NOT EVER.***

YOU KNOW WHAT, BELL?

I THINK SO, TOO!

SORRY, MR. MORISATO.

YOU'RE SHORT ONE CREDIT.

...?!

ER... EXCUSE ME?

I DON'T SEE ANY SECOND FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES ON YOUR RECORD.

WAIT, WAIT! I DID ALL MY ENGLISH CLASSES!

ENGLISH IS *ONE* FOREIGN LANGUAGE, SIR.

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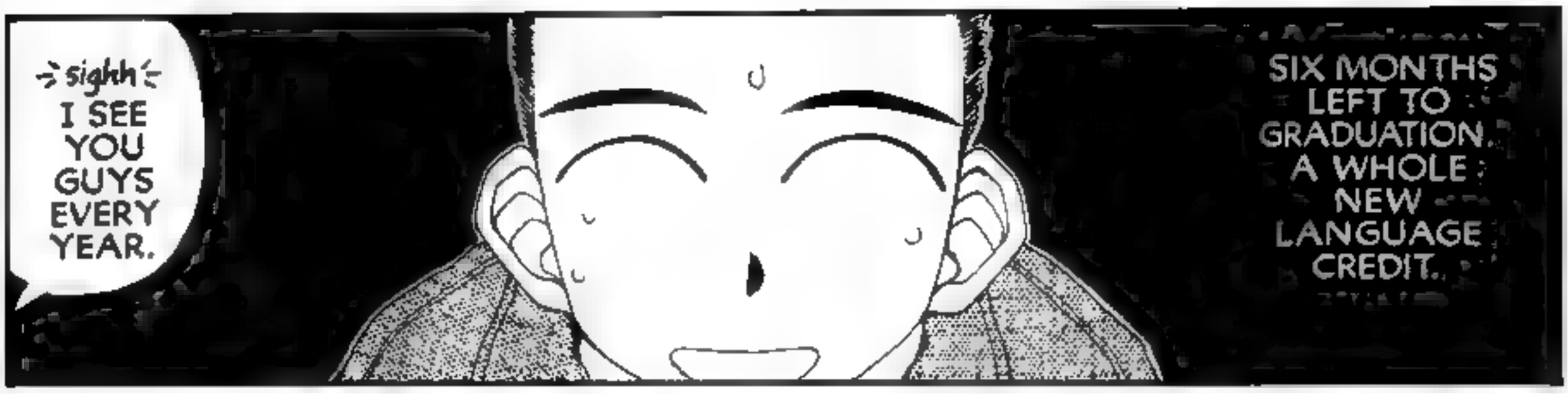
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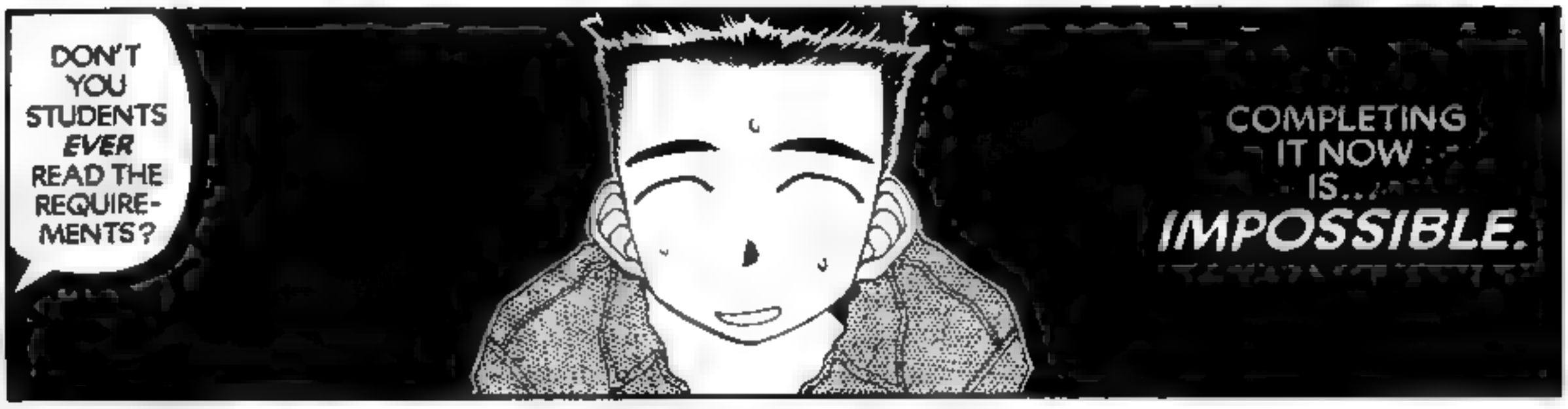
I SEE YOU GUYS EVERY YEAR.
SIX MONTHS LEFT TO GRADUATION. A WHOLE NEW LANGUAGE CREDIT..


DON'T YOU STUDENTS *EVER* READ THE REQUIRE-MENTS?
COMPLETING IT NOW IS... *IMPOSSIBLE.*

SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR...
...KEIICHI MORISATO!

I'M REALLY SORRY, IMAI.

AFTER YOU WENT AND INTRODUCED ME AND ALL...

YEAH. I UNDERSTAND. THANKS ANYWAY.

KCHAK

KEIICHI ...?

....
....

AW, NO PROBLEMO!

ALL THAT TIME TO DO *ONE COURSE?!* EVERY DAY'LL BE LIKE *SUMMER VACATION!*

YEE-HAW! PARADISE! HA, HA!

GOSH. HE'S MORE CHEERFUL THAN I EXPECTED.

LOOK CLOSER. SEE THE SWEAT...?

'SCUSE ME, PARDON ME, COMIN' THROUGH!

HUP!

HEY?! CHECK THIS OUT, GUYS!

?

WELL, I'M OFF!

THANKS!

SHE MEANS *YOU*, MISTER MORISATO!

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YOU'RE RIGHT!!

CHIHIRO ...!

THANK YOU! I... I GUESS *EVERYONE'S* TRYING TO SAVE MY BUTT...

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG, CHUM.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SAVING YOUR *BUTT.*

I'M SAVING YOUR *HANDS.*

THAT'S WHAT I WANT, KEIICHI!

OF COURSE YOU'LL APPLY ...?

Y--

YES, MA'AM!

KEIICHI'S BEGUN TO FOLLOW HIS DREAM...

I WONDER... HOW LONG I CAN FOLLOW IT WITH HIM...?

DAMMIT! I FIGURED IF MORISATO GOT THE JOB, THOSE BABES HE LIVES WITH WOULD BE HANGING AROUND HERE ALL THE TIME.

I'M SO SICK OF LOOKIN' AT ALL THESE *DUDES!*

IMAI! BACK TO WORK!!

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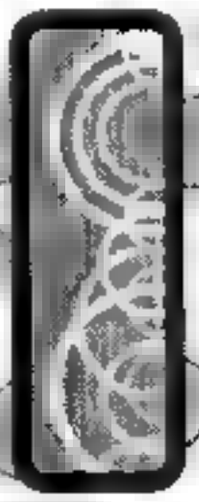

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College student Keiichi Morisato accidentally dialed a wrong number and summoned the goddess Belldandy! After granting Keiichi's wish that she stay with him forever, Belldandy and her sisters, Urd and Skuld, are living with him — and having plenty of misadventures! Occasionally, Belldandy has summoned her angel, Blesséd Bell, to assist her. But we've never seen Urd or Skuld summon angels of their own — and it's time to learn more of that story...

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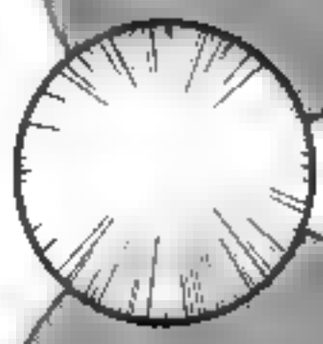

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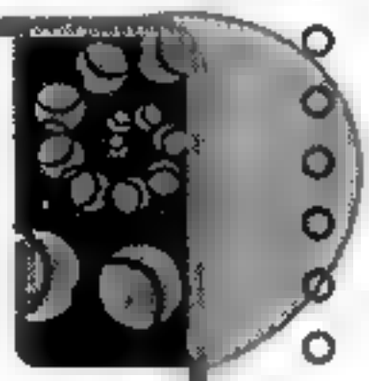

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COME FORTH MY ANGEL, *BLESSED BELL!*

SING FOR THIS TREE A SONG OF HEALING!

⇒Sighh⇐

ANGELS... THEY'RE *SO* COOL.

I WONDER IF URD HAS ONE, TOO?

URD'S CASTLE

HEY, URD!

URD, DO YOU HAVE--

SHE'S NOT HERE?

!!

OH? OH!!

AN... AN... AN...

ANGEL'S EGG
DO NOT TOUCH!

AN ANGEL'S EGG!!

IF... IF IT WAS MY ANGEL... I WONDER... WHAT KIND WOULD IT BE?

AH ...?

OOOOOOH!

ANGEL'S EGG
DO NOT TOUCH!
SKULD: THIS MEANS YOU!! THOU SHALT NOT EVEN LOOK AT THIS!

OH, YEAH? OH, YEAH?!?! BE THAT WAY, THEN, URD!

I'LL SHOW YOU! I'LL TOUCH IT TOUCH IT TOUCH IT!!

BWA HA HA! I'M LOOKING! I'M TOUCHING!

CAN'T STOP ME, URDY-WURDY!

!!

LOOKY, LOOKY! GONNA EAT IT! GONNA EAT IT!!

GU-U-U-LP

SKULD! WHAT *ARE* YOU DOING?!

oop!

"GULP"...? HEY! *HEY!!* WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "*GULP*" ...?!

DON'T TELL ME--

OH, *NO!*

ANGEL'S EGG
DO NOT TOUCH!
SKULD: THIS MEANS YOU!! THOU SHALT NOT EVEN LOOK AT THIS!

I... um..

I SWALLOWED IT.

HMPH.

GUESS YOU COULDN'T READ MY SIGN, HMM?

YOU WEREN'T EVEN SUPPOSED TO *LOOK* AT IT, YOU ROTTEN LITTLE BRAT!!

PUKE IT UP! *NOW!!*

NO WAY! *GROSS!!*

LESSEE.. I'M SURE I'VE GOT SOME ULTRA-STRENGTH VOMIT PILLS HERE SOMEWHERE...

EEK!

SIS!! HELP!

URD'S TRYING TO PUNISH ME FOR EATING THE ANGEL'S EGG BY--

?

?!?

OH ...?

WHAT'S... HAPPEN--

SKULD...?!

SKULD!

IT... IT ALREADY HATCHED INSIDE ME...?

THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE IT'LL RUN OUT OF CONTROL.

I KNOW.

GIVEN SKULD'S POWER LEVEL, I WOULD SAY... FIFTY-FIFTY.

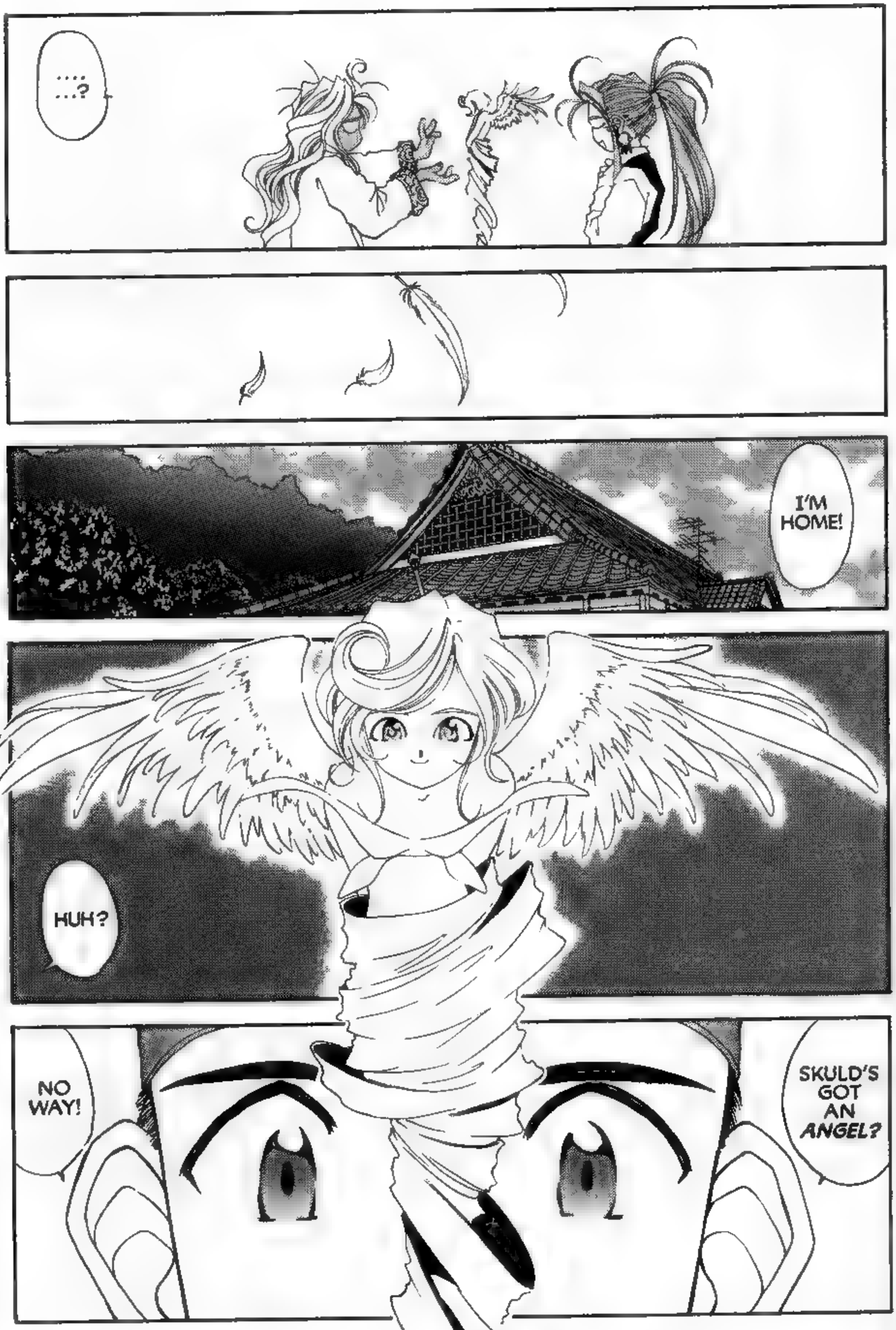
IN MY OPINION, OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO SEAL IT.

YES... AND YET, I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT IF WE CAN POSSIBLY AVOID IT.

THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE IT WILL ADOPT THE *BEST* OF SKULD'S PERSON-ALITY...

WAIT!

GET READY-- HERE IT COMES!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...?
I'M HOME!
HUH?
NO WAY!
SKULD'S GOT AN ANGEL?

YEAH! ISN'T SHE *GREAT?!* HER NAME'S *NOBLE SCARLET.*

WOW...! WHAT CAN SHE DO?

....?

UH-OH... MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED THAT...

Mmk

THAT'S WHY IT'S BETTER TO PUT HER UNDER A SEAL.

DON'T YOU AGREE ...?

I THINK IT'S ALL RIGHT, URD. SHE DOESN'T SEEM STRONG ENOUGH TO RUN OUT OF CONTROL.

YOU'VE GOT A FUSE LOOSE IF YOU THINK SHE SHOULD BE SEALED UP JUST BECAUSE SHE CAN'T DO ANYTHING!

THAT'S *NOT* WHAT I MEANT!!

THEN WHAT *DO* YOU MEAN, HUH?!

NEITHER OF YOU ARE MAKING ANY SENSE...

FINE, THEN!

SHE *WILL* BE USEFUL! YOU'LL SEE!

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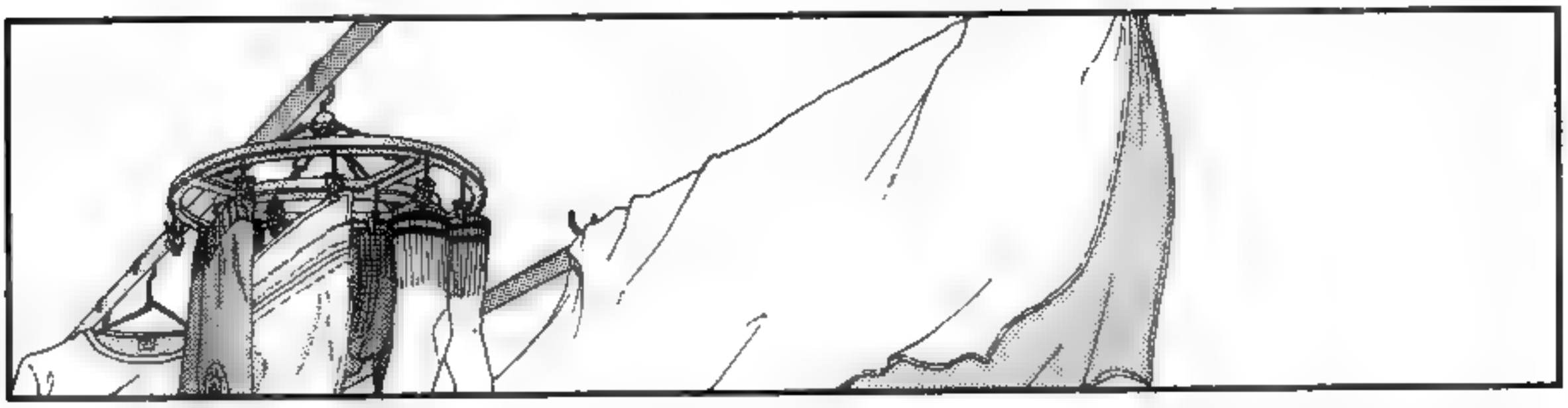

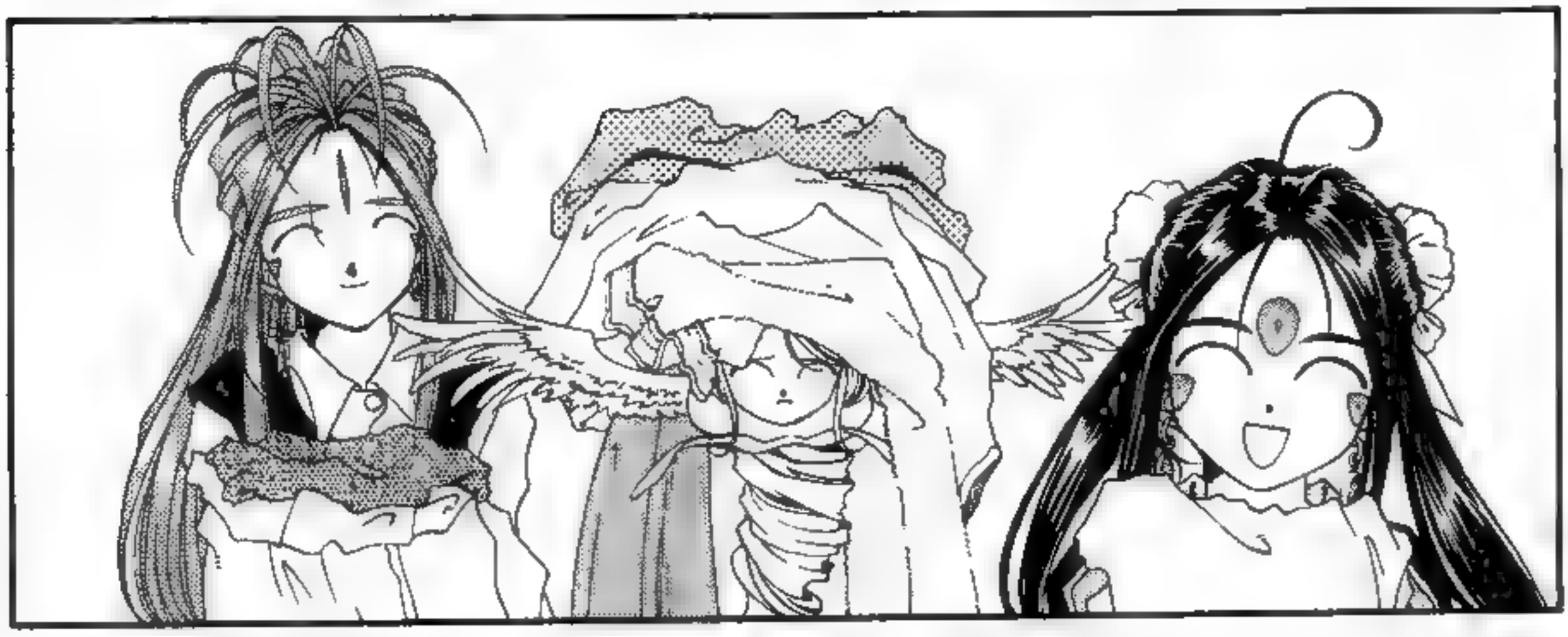

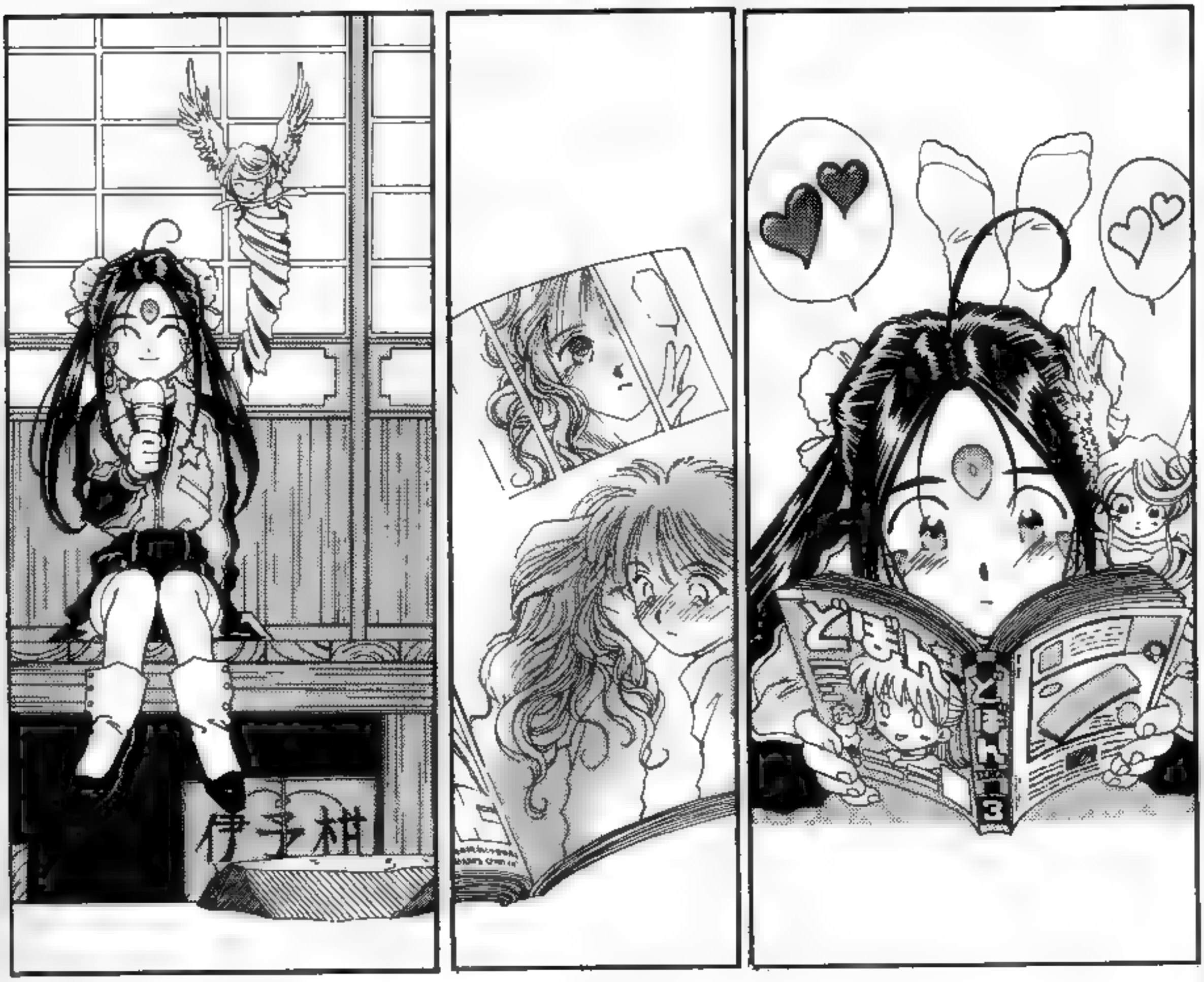
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HELLOO?

IS SKULD HOME ...?

OH! IT'S SENTARO!

BE OUT IN A SEC!

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

THAT'S OKAY... ER... I DIDN'T INTERRUPT ANYTHING, DID I?

UHM... N-NO! NOTHING SPECIAL... I WAS JUST...

?

IT'S A *SOUVENIR.* FROM THAT TRIP I TOOK.

OOH! IT'S *SO* CUTE!

OH ?!

TH- THANK YOU.

UH... WELL, UH... ANY-WAY...

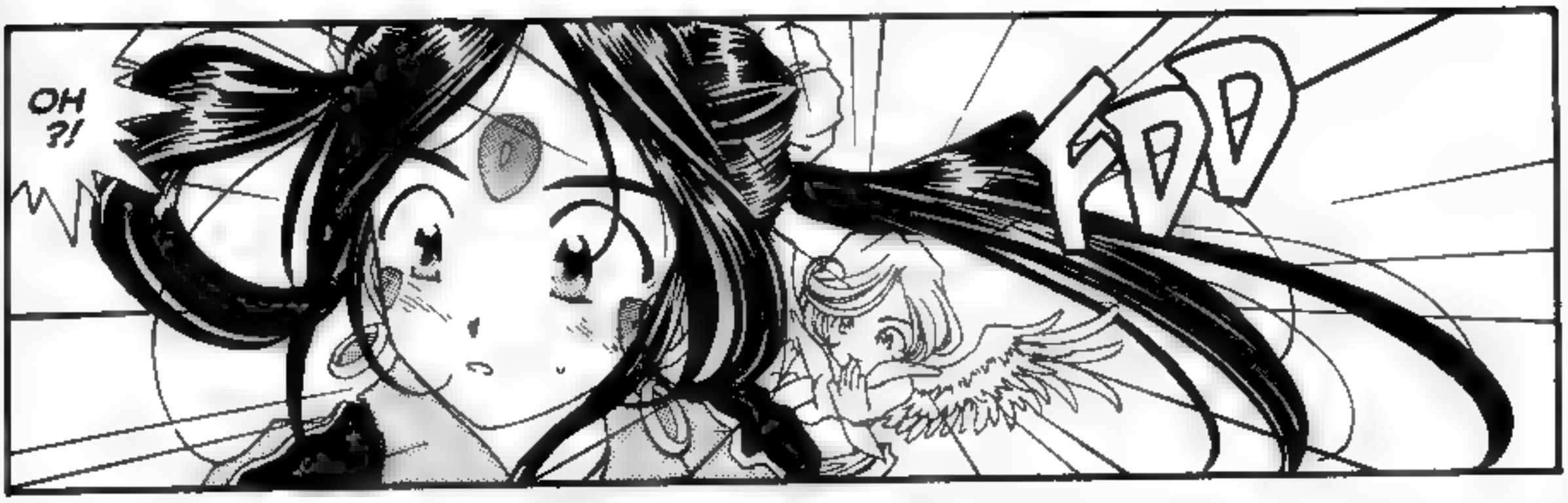
ER... I'M IN A *BMX* RACE NEXT WEEK.

I WONDERED IF YOU'D, YOU KNOW, LIKE TO COME ...?

IF LIFE WAS LIKE THAT MANGA I WAS READ-ING...

EEEK!

SKULD, ARE YOU *CRAZY* ?!


OH ?!
FDD

WHOOSH
OH!
OH...
I... I
DIDN'T...
AH
...!
I... I
G-
GOTTA
GO!
BUT--
SENTARO
...!!
SKULD
LABS

WHAT WERE YOU *THINKING*, YOU STUPID THING?!

FDD

YOU MADE HIM *RUN AWAY* FROM ME!

WAAAH!

NOW HE THINKS I'M *WEIRD* OR SOME-THING! I *HATE* YOU!

Akira's Yeah Room

EH...? SKULD SAID *THAT?*

YOU WANTED TO HELP THE BEST YOU COULD... RIGHT?

...

SKULD COULD NEVER *REALLY* HATE YOU.

DON'T WORRY.

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I'M NOT ANGRY WITH YOU ANY-MORE.

BUT IF YOU BUTT IN LIKE THAT AGAIN...

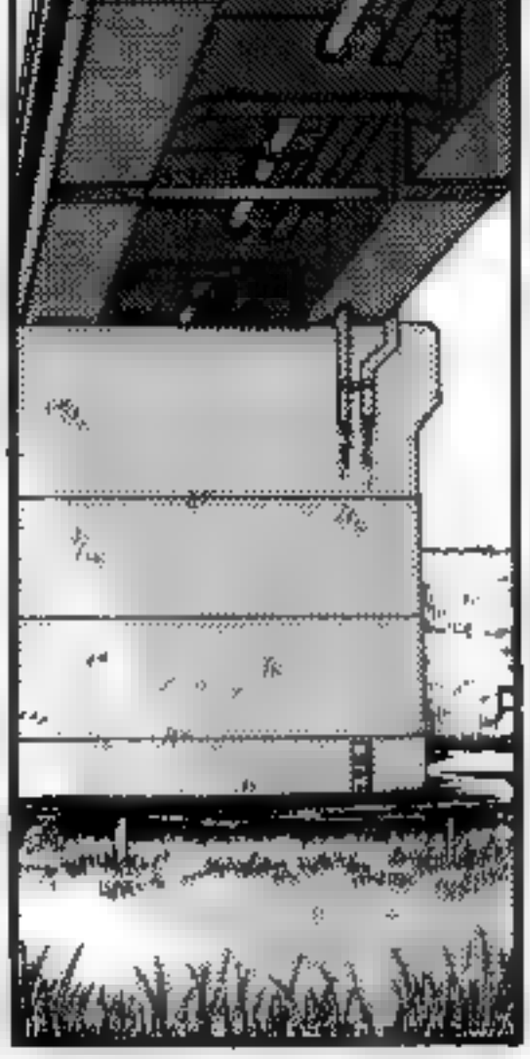
...YOU'LL HAVE TO GO *BACK IN YOUR EGG...* UNDER-STAND?

OKAY ...?

...!

*OH?! ICE CREAM! HOW DID YOU KNOW IT'S MY *FAVORITE?!*

YOU LITTLE SWEETIE! ❤



WHOOSH

SOME RIDERS ARE ALREADY IN DANGER OF BEING LAPPED!

NUMBER EIGHTEEN HAS THE REST OF THIS FIELD TOTALLY OUTCLASSED! WITH JUST TWO LAPS TO GO THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT WHO'S GOING TO TAKE THE CHECKERED FLAG...

...HERE AT RIVERSIDE BMX TRACK!!

MAAAAN! WHO'S EIGHTEEN?

IT'S MY *SENTARO*, THAT'S WHO! ♥

KAWANISHI JUST LAPPED *ANOTHER* RIDER, NUMBER FOUR!

WHOA!

NO-WHERE TO GO!

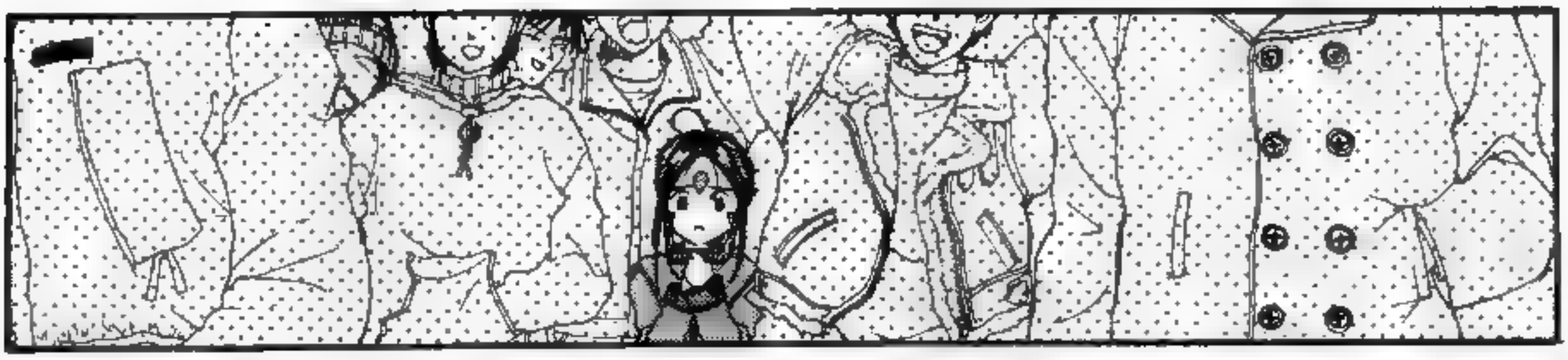
SKKEEE

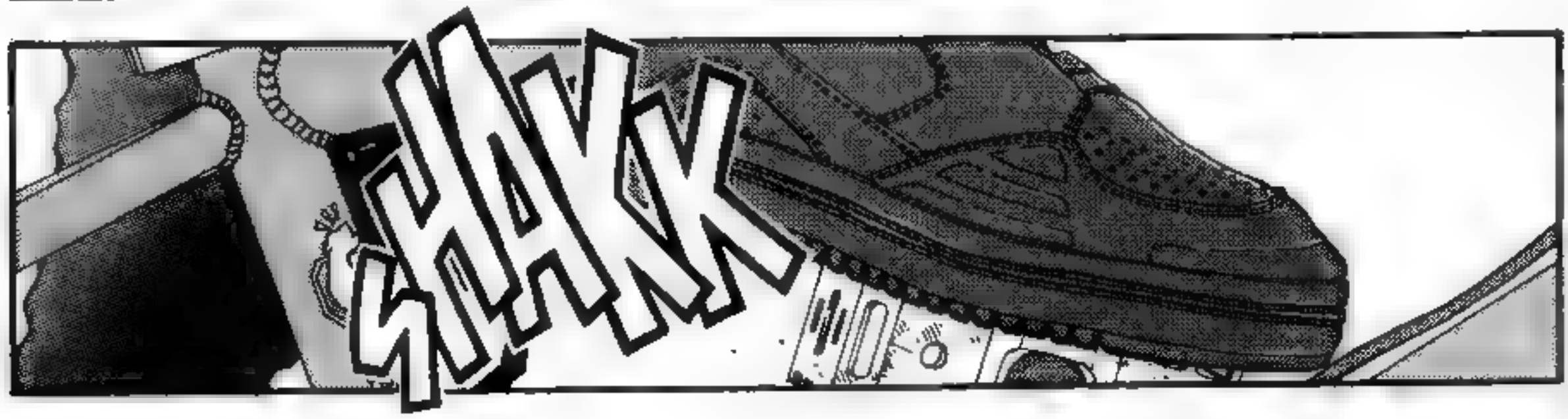
SKIDS!

BAD LUCK FOR KAWANISHI-- HE COULDN'T AVOID THAT BIKE!

SO MUCH FOR HIS LEAD!

WE'VE GOT A REAL RACE AGAIN HERE, FOLKS!

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WAIT! IT'S NUMBER EIGHTEEN!

HE'S BACK IN THE RACE AND HE'S EVEN *FASTER* THAN BEFORE THE CRASH!

BELL

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KAWOOOSH!!

KAWANISHI IS ON *FIRE,* FOLKS!

BELL

SENTARO...

...YOU'RE *SO* COOL!

BMX JUNIOR DIVI-SION...

...GRAND CHAMPION, *SENTARO KAWANISHI!*

YAHOO!

SECOND PLACE, TSUTOMU HAKOZAKI...

I GUESS I'LL JUST...

...GO HOME NOW.

sssh

…!

EH?!
OH!!

AH... UM...

C- CONGRAT- ULATIONS, SENTARO!

THANKS, SKULD!!

WELLLL... I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME...

WAY TO GO, DUDE!

...NOBLE SCARLET!

SCARLET ...?

NOBLE SCARLET?

SCARLET ?!!

SHE'S HERE.

SORRY, KID--YOU WEREN'T READY FOR HER, AFTER ALL.

ANGELS ARE *ABSOLUTELY OBEDIENT* TO THEIR MISTRESS.

O »

YOU CAN'T JUST SAY THINGS WITHOUT THINKING.

OH... OH! YOU MEAN...

...WHEN I SAID SHE'D HAVE TO GO BACK IN HER EGG IF SHE...

BUT... BUT I *LOVED* MY ANGEL!

I L-LOVED HER... =sniff=

YES, DEAR.

I KNOW YOU DID.

AND NOBLE SCARLET, TOO...

...SHE LOVED *YOU*, SKULD.

SO... UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN YOU'VE GAINED ENOUGH POWER...

...YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER, ALL RIGHT?

I WILL.

THE NEXT DAY

HEY? SKULD...

...THAT PENDANT?

OH?

THIS?

ISN'T IT NICE?

IT'S AN *ANGEL'S EGG.*

SKULD, YOU LITTLE HEART-BREAKER!

I MEAN, DID SOME OTHER GUY GIVE IT TO YOU?! GEEZ...

NEXT: "THE GODDESS'S APPRENTICE"

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Summer greetings!

Our most recent two story lines, *The Queen and the Goddess* and *Hail to the Chief*, are still receiving some great comments from fans worldwide! Tell us what you think of this first issue of our newest *OMG!* miniseries.

Before we get to your letters, let's take a look at this month's *OMG!* Pen Pal list. Write to us and let us know if you want to be on the list. We need your name and address and/or e-mail. Ages are printed upon request, and everyone should already know that this is just for FUN, right? Dark Horse Comics, Inc. assumes no responsibility for anything sent to or from *Oh My Goddess!* Pen Pals. Got that? Great!

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Dear Dark Horse Comics,

Hi! I'm an avid reader of your manga titles, i.e., *Oh My Goddess!*, *Gunsmith Cats*, and *Shadow Lady*. I just picked up *The Fourth Goddess* part 7, and I have a question concerning something I noticed in the book: when Peorth challenges Belldandy, Belldandy summons "Sacred Bell." My concern, I thought Belldandy's angel's name was Holy Bell. Am I wrong to assume that is a typo (though I would not doubt the translation skills of your team), or is it possibly due to some legal issue that forced your team to change it to "Sacred Bell" from "Holy Bell"?

Sincerely,
Dan Borjal
via e-mail

As you probably noticed, Dan, at the start of this issue Belldandy summons her angel as "Blesséd Bell." One possibility is that *OMG!* author Kosuke Fujishima chooses to be vague. Belldandy's angel (being an angel) could have a heavenly moniker which surpasses words like "sacred," "holy," and "blessed," yet the closest thing that Belldandy can verbalize are those earthly words. Perhaps Belldandy chooses a different seraphic adjective every time just for fun? (And you thought "seraphic" was only for "feathers"!)

Hello, Mike Hansen,

I hope you're enjoying your new job as manga editor. You'll have to tell us what you do some time (besides read letters). Do you get to edit the translation, or does SP **[Studio Proteus]** have the final word? Just curious. *Oh My Goddess!* is my favorite title, though I buy almost all of the manga. The latest issue really got me excited, because it was a great story and because it reminded me of a song on one of my anime CDs. The '97 *Goddess Single Collection* CD has a track Skuld (Aya Hisakawa) sings called "Jitensha" (Bicycle).

So I sat down and managed to translate it. My Japanese skills are only self-taught, so there are probably a few mistakes. It helped a lot that I knew the context of the song from the manga story. I also made a small web page with the words to the song. It's at *http://www.gl.umbc.edu/~cmould1/skuld/*.

Chris Moulds
Millersville, MD

Great web page, Chris! Thanks for letting us know.

Studio Proteus handles the actual translating on Dark Horse's manga. But as the editor, I get to see scripts before each issue is lettered, so if there are any problems or mistakes, I've gotta catch 'em a... uh, well, you know what I mean... (groan)

Dear Letters to the Enchantress,

The *Queen and the Goddess* issue was good. It's really nice to see Sayoko again. Peorth was getting boring. I've often seen those Cthulian Octopod things lurking around

depressed, doubtful people in manga comics, and thanks to Kosuke Fujishima, now we know why! Belldandy just looks so awesome in Goddess mode. If I met the Blessed Mary, I'd expect her to look like that. I wish pen friends would not print just their e-mail addys. Some of us can't use a Magic Box.

James Taylor
Middlesex, England
via an old-fashioned postcard

A reminder to readers: when you write in to us, if you do not tell us to put you on the *OMG!* Pen Pal List, then we won't. Give us your mailing address and age if you wish, and also a Magic Box — I mean, e-mail — address if you have one. Thanks for the card, James!

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With computer programs getting better and better, more comics are being lettered electronically. But if anyone could be a spokesperson for the beauty of hand-lettering, it's *OMG!* fan Katherine "Yaten-Chan" Chi from New Mexico! She pencilled and mailed a beautiful letter to us and we thought we'd print it just as it is! Nice work, Katherine!

Dear Enchantress-

Hihi! I really think it's wonderful how Mr. Kosuke Fujishima draws with so much detal. Many manga artists only illustrate a character or characters with maybe a few objects decorating the background. After watching the detailed & highly impressive anime, I usually become disapointed when I buy the manga later. The art tends to lack the same eye-popping style as the animation or seems to be more rough sketches with some lines not properly erased. This case does not apply to Mr. Fujishima's work as it is quite noticeable that his manga is just as stunningly smooth & beautiful as the anime.

Keep doing the great work!

~Katherine "Yaten-chan" Chi

fan art by Katherine Chi
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Next Issue

In "The Goddess's Apprentice," Urd's flying broom has fallen head-over-heels in love with Belldandy! And what's worse, he's got an ego as enormous as the world's biggest dustball, and a hair-trigger temper to match! Can Belldandy and Keiichi survive a date with an impulsive household item? Find out next issue, on sale August 2! (And remember, additional "lost" *Oh My Goddess!* stories appear in every issue of *Super Manga Blast!*)

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College student Keiichi Morisato accidentally dialed a wrong number and summoned the goddess Belldandy! After granting Keiichi's wish that she stay with him forever, Belldandy and her sisters, Urd and Skuld, are living with him — and having plenty of misadventures! Recently, Urd let Belldandy use her magical broom to get Keiichi to a job interview on time. Since that day, someone's developed a fondness for Belldandy. . . someone who's not easily brushed off. . !

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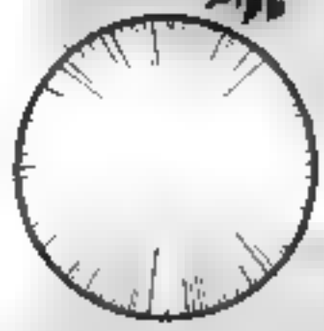

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AH... MY LADY BELL-DANDY...!

HER SPARKLING, CRYSTAL-CLEAR EYES...

HER FRAGRANT, FEATHERY HAIR...

HER GENTLE SMILE...

AND, OF COURSE, THAT TENDER WARMTH...

I...

I...

I...

I LOVE YOU!!

MY LADY!!

ENJOYING YOUR-SELF...?

YOW!!

H-HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

SINCE "AH... MY LADY BELL-DANDY ...!"

OH MY GODDESS ...! IT'S *OVER!* GOODBYE, CRUEL WORLD!

HMM. SO *THAT'S* WHERE HIS NECK IS.

BUT WAIT!

OF COURSE! I--

NO WAY, JOSÉ.

BUT... I HAVEN'T EVEN SAID--

THAT YOU WANT TO BE HUMAN?

HUH! OKAY, THEN WE CAN CUT TO THE CHASE.

INDEED. I SAID *NO.*

WHY NOT?!

I CAN'T DO IT.

JUST FOR FIVE MINUTES!

NOT FOR *ONE* MINUTE, NOT FOR ONE *SECOND.*

BOY, AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A *GODDESS.*

HM

PERHAPS I'VE BEEN A LITTLE LAX ON YOUR DISCIPLINE ...?

SWISH

YAIEE!!

I DIDN'T MEAN IT!! *SPARE ME, MISTRESS!*

LOOK... YOU'RE NOT THE AVERAGE "OFF-THE-SHELF" MAXWELL'S STONE-DRIVEN FLYING BROOM.

YOU'RE BOUND ABOUT WITH ***EXTREMELY*** SOPHISTICATED SPELLS.

YOU CAN SPEAK, HAVE THE POWER TO WORK YOUR OWN MINOR MAGICS... YOU'RE A RATHER ***EXCEPTIONAL*** FLYING BROOM, REALLY.

WOW... DIDN'T KNOW I WAS SO COOL...

HOWEVER, THAT MEANS YOU'RE ***MAXED OUT*** WITH SPELLS.

B- BUT... NO WAY! THEN... THEN...

...WHAT ABOUT MY DATES IN THE PARK?!

THE SOFT BRUSH OF HER HAND AGAINST MINE?!

WHOA! BACK OFF! JEEZ, WHERE DO YOU COME UP WITH THIS STUFF?

WAIT A SEC... YOUR *HAND?*

....

OH, YEAH.

DARN IT!! EVEN BROOMS GOT A RIGHT TO *FALL IN LOVE!*

WHAT'S SO WRONG WITH THAT?!

=sigh= I *KNEW* I SHOULDN'T HAVE LOANED HIM TO BELLDANDY.

THE GUY'S *ALWAYS* BEEN A BIT OF A ROMANTIC.

SKULD LABS

HUH?

A MACHINE TO MAKE YOU *HUMAN?*

HMM...

I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANYTHING *QUITE* LIKE THAT, BUT...

HEY! HOW ABOUT *THIS?!*

WHAT?! WHAT?!

IT'S A SPECIAL ATTACHMENT I MADE FOR BANPEI!

SKULD'S *MR. MUSCLE,* VERSION 2.1!

'KAY... LEMME SEE... THEN WE BOLT ON THESE LEGS...

OH! AN EARTH DRILL! YOU'LL LOVE THAT!

MAYBE A ROCKET PACK..?

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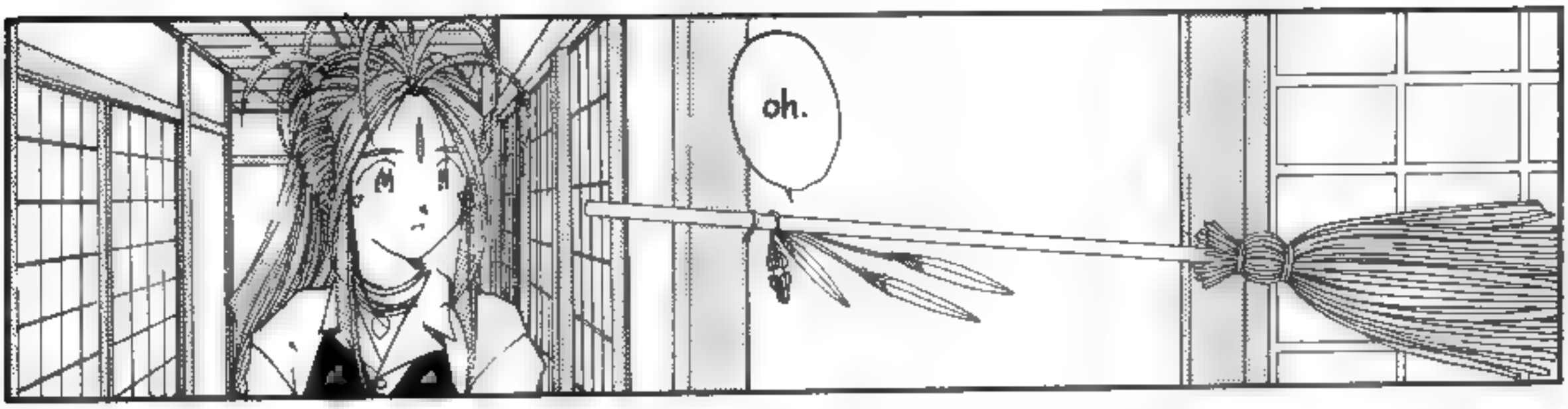
WAAH!

NO ONE UNDER-STANDS ME!

♫ GOT ME TH' BLUES, GOT TH' BLUES SO BAD... ♪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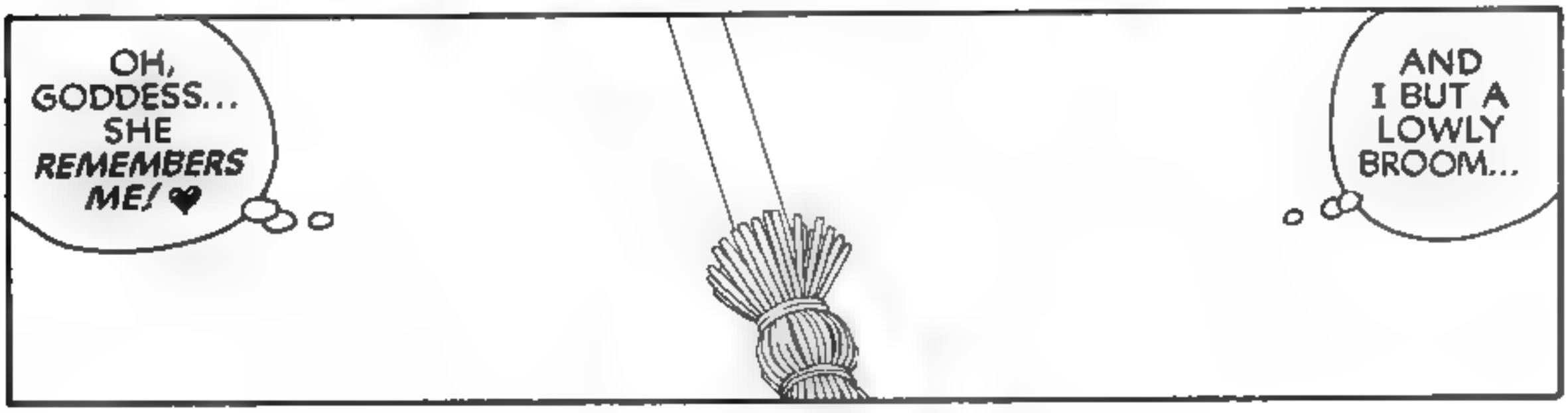
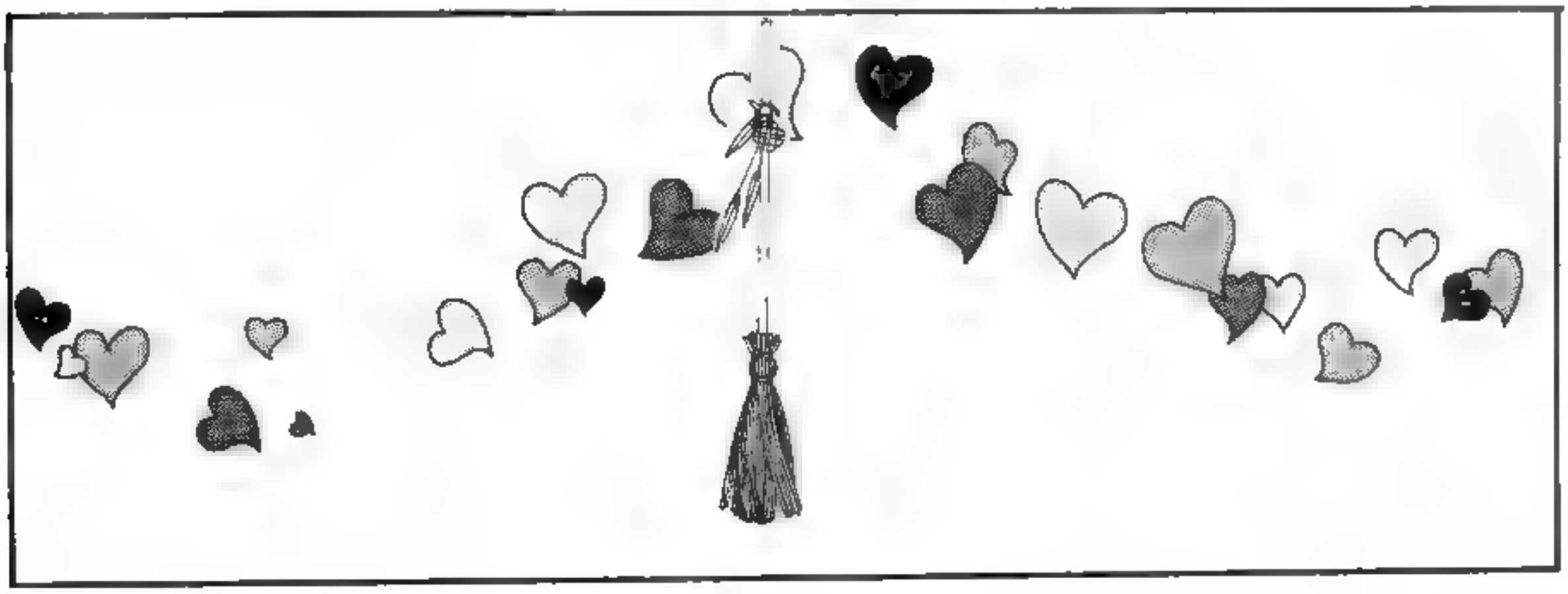
WHY, HELLO!
YOU'RE THE BROOM WHO HELPED US THAT DAY, AREN'T YOU?


OH, GODDESS... SHE *REMEMBERS ME!* ❤
AND I BUT A LOWLY BROOM...



THANK YOU *SO* MUCH FOR YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE.

I'D LOVE TO GIVE YOU SOME TOKEN OF APPRECIATION, BUT WHAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE ...?

A... A *TOKEN OF APPRECIATION?!* FROM MY LADY BELLDANDY?!

AND I BUT A *SCRUFFY, WRETCHED,* LOWLY BROOM... =sniff=

WELL, GOSH....

UM... er... I... I'D LIKE...

Noooo!

YOU CAN'T EMBARRASS HER LIKE THAT!!

WOW... THAT BROOM OF URD'S CAN *TALK?*

?

YOU! *YOU!!*

KEIICHI MORISATO!

I'M THE *WORLD'S GREATEST FLYING BROOM,* KID!

MY NAME IS... *STRING-FELLOW THE BROOM!!*

AND *NOBODY* TALKS TO ME LIKE THAT, PUNK!

WHY, YOU.. I OUGHTTA...

WHA--?!

WHOA!

HEY...

WAIT A SEC...

SEE YOU LATER!

NOW, YOU'RE *SURE*--ALL YOU WANT IS JUST TO GO SHOPPING WITH US?

OKAY, BUT WHY...

...DO YOU WANT *ME* TO CARRY YOU?

YES, MY LADY... I'M IN SEVENTH HEAVEN!

HEY!! YOU OWE ME ONE, KID!

AND DON'T YOU *FORGET IT!*

OKAY, OKAY... GEEZ.

WELL, LET'S GET GOING.

UP, UP, AND AWAY! OR WHATEVER...

WHO SAID YOU COULD *RIDE ME?!*

WHE!

WHY NOT?! YOU'RE A *FLYING BROOM,* RIGHT?!

HAH! ONLY LADY BELLDANDY IS PERMITTED TO RIDE ME!

WELL, AND MISTRESS URD!

NO MEN ALLOWED, AND ESPECIALLY *YOU!*

SHKK

?!

SP... SPECIAL...

D- DELIVERY...

OOPS.

ARE YOU... uh... A *MAGICIAN?*
THAT'S AN AMAZING TRICK.
OH, YEAH! JUST PRACTICING!
HA HA HA HA heh
HOW *RUDE!* I AM *NOT* A "TRICK"...! I'M THE WORLD'S GREATEST...
ETCETERA, ETCETERA...
ALWAYS SOMETHING INTERESTING AT THIS PLACE.
THANK HEAVENS IT'S A TRICK. A MAGIC TRICK.
SORRY ABOUT THAT... HEH, HEH...
ARE YOU TALKIN' TO *ME,* PAL?!
WELL, I GUESS WE'D REALLY STICK OUT IF WE FLEW, ANYWAY.
I'M GONNA GO *POSTAL* ON YOU, POSTMAN! HEY! *HEY!!*
BUT THIS ISN'T MUCH BETTER. YEESH.
DUMB BROOM...

BAKERY

FIRST, I NEED TO PICK UP SOME BREAD HERE.

OKAY. I'LL COME IN, TOO...

FIGURES

HONESTLY, FOLKS! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

DRAGGING THAT FILTHY OLD BROOM INTO MY NICE, CLEAN BAKERY!

WHAT?!

"FILTHY OLD BROOM"...?! HOW *DARE* YOU?!

I'M *NOT* FILTHY, I'M *NOT* OLD, AND I'M NO *ORDINARY BROOM!* I'M THE *WORLD'S GREATEST* FLYING BROOM! *STRINGFELLOW THE BROOM!!*

HEY! LEMME GO!!

SORRY, SIR! WE WON'T DO IT AGAIN, SIR!!

GRRR! WHY DO PEOPLE THINK I'M JUST A *BROOM,* WHEN IN FACT I'M THE WOR--

GURK

Y'R CH'KIN' ME..

Gift Shop KARIN

OH!

KEIICHI, CAN YOU WAIT HERE A MINUTE?

HUH?

OH, SURE.

SEE YOU LATER, HONEY!

HEY, HEY!

NOW I GET IT.

GET WHAT?

YOU'RE IN *LOVE* WITH BELL-DANDY... RIGHT?

YEAH? *SO?!*

OKAY, I KNOW I'M JUST A *BROOM!*

BUT BROOMS GOT A RIGHT TO FALL IN LOVE, TOO!

I WANT TO TOUCH THAT BEAUTIFUL, SILKEN HAIR...

I WANT TO HOLD THOSE SOFT, SWEET HANDS...

LOOK-- I'M NOT DUMB.

I KNOW I'M A BROOM, AND SHE'S A GODDESS.

I KNOW I CAN'T HOPE FOR MUCH, BUT...

I SEE.

HMM... HE'S THE SAME AS ME, REALLY...

I DON'T KNOW IF A MERE HUMAN AND A GODDESS CAN REALLY--

AARGHH!

AT THE *VERY* LEAST, I WANT HER TO PICK ME UP... HOLD ME TIGHT...

AND THEN...

...I WANT HER TO TAKE HER HANDS AND--

H-*HEY!* HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BUDDY! I THINK YOU'RE GOING A LITTLE *TOO* FAR!

--AND HAVE HER *SWEEP* WITH ME! JUST *ONCE...!*

I'M SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, BOYS!

URK.. WELL, WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT..

THERE!

HOW'S THAT?

OH?
OH!

M-MY LADY! FOR *ME?!*

AHHH...

NO WORDS CAN EXPRESS THE WAY I FEEL!

AH, *HAH!* I GET IT-- THIS WAY HE LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING WE BOUGHT!

WELL, NOT ACTUALLY... I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD LOOK DARLING ON HIM.

OH. NO KID-DING.

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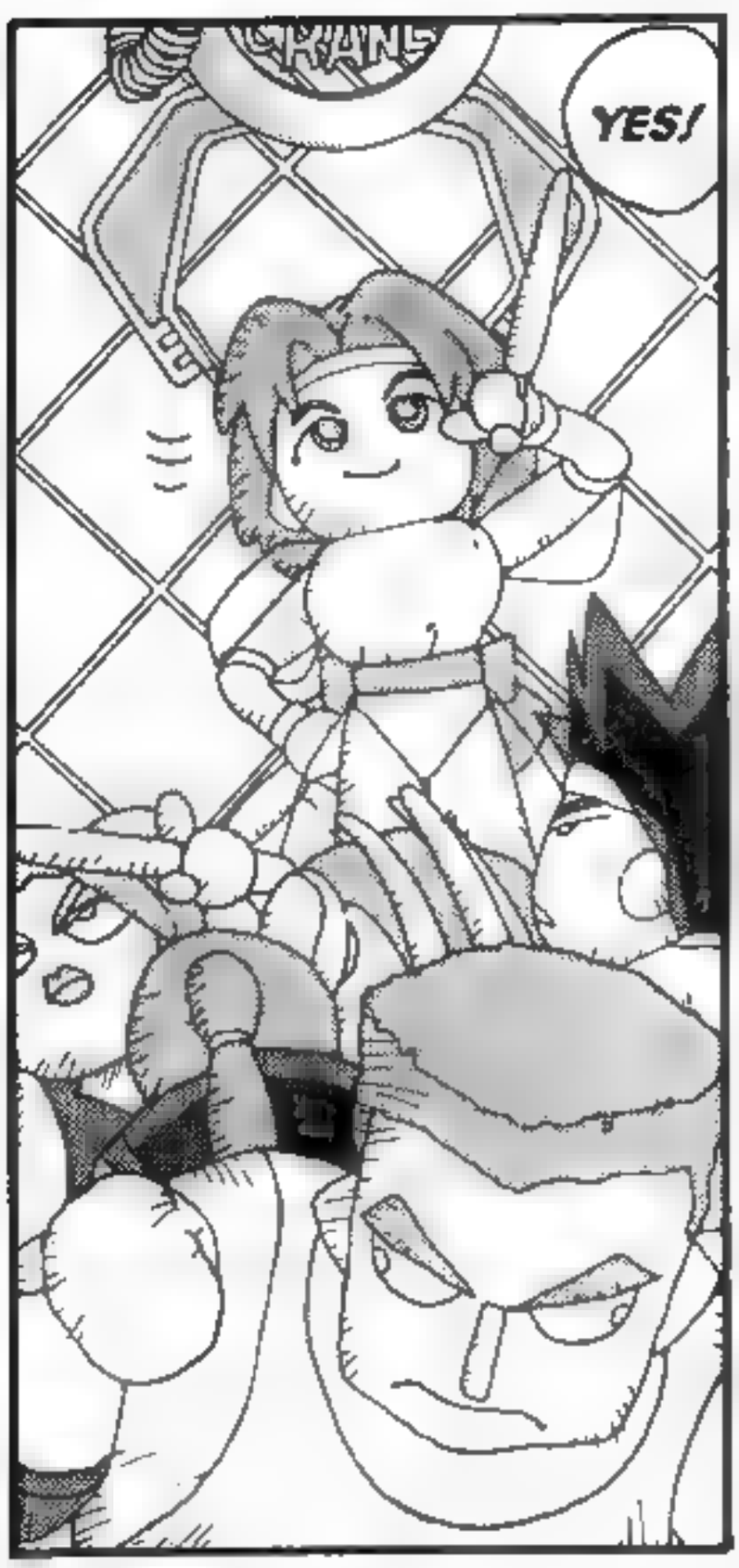
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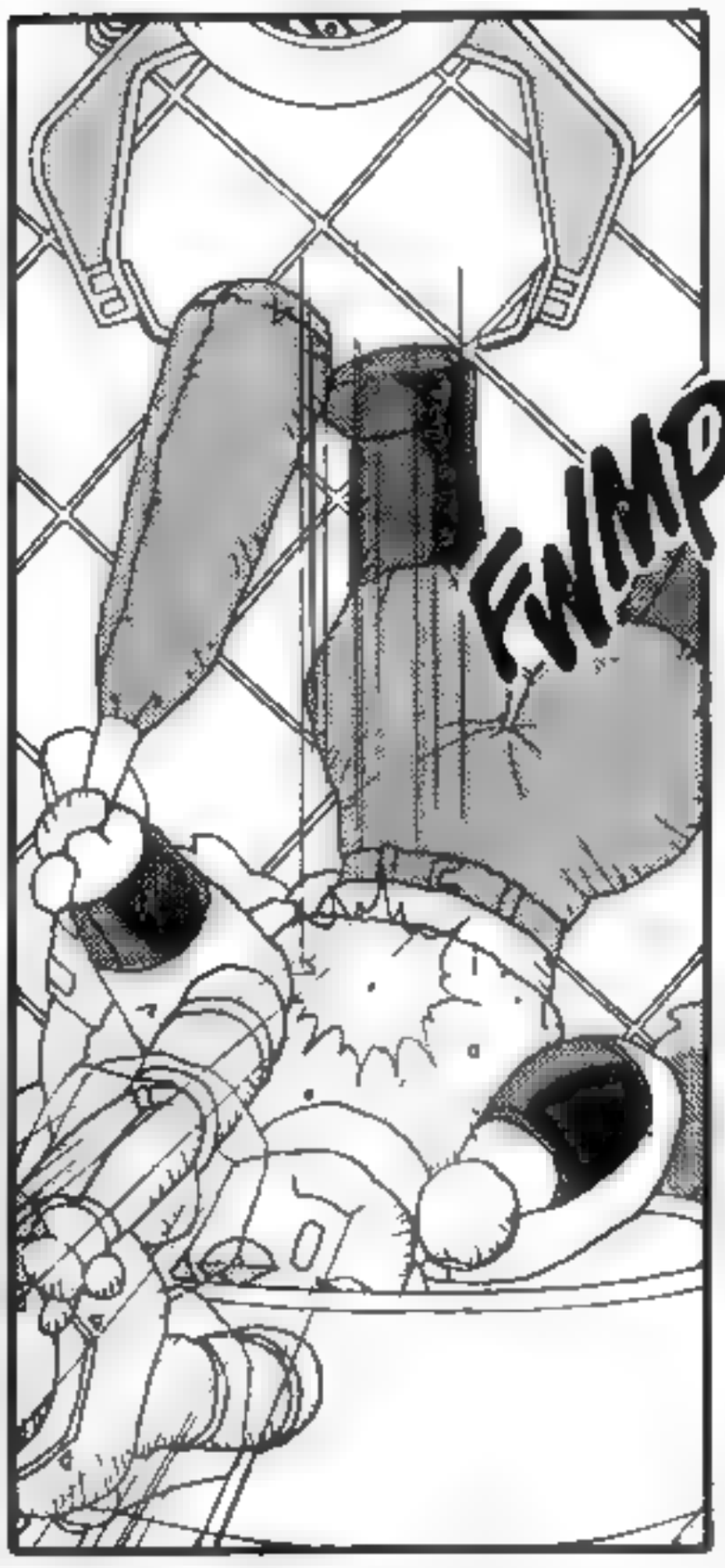
WHOA!
CRANE
WHOOP!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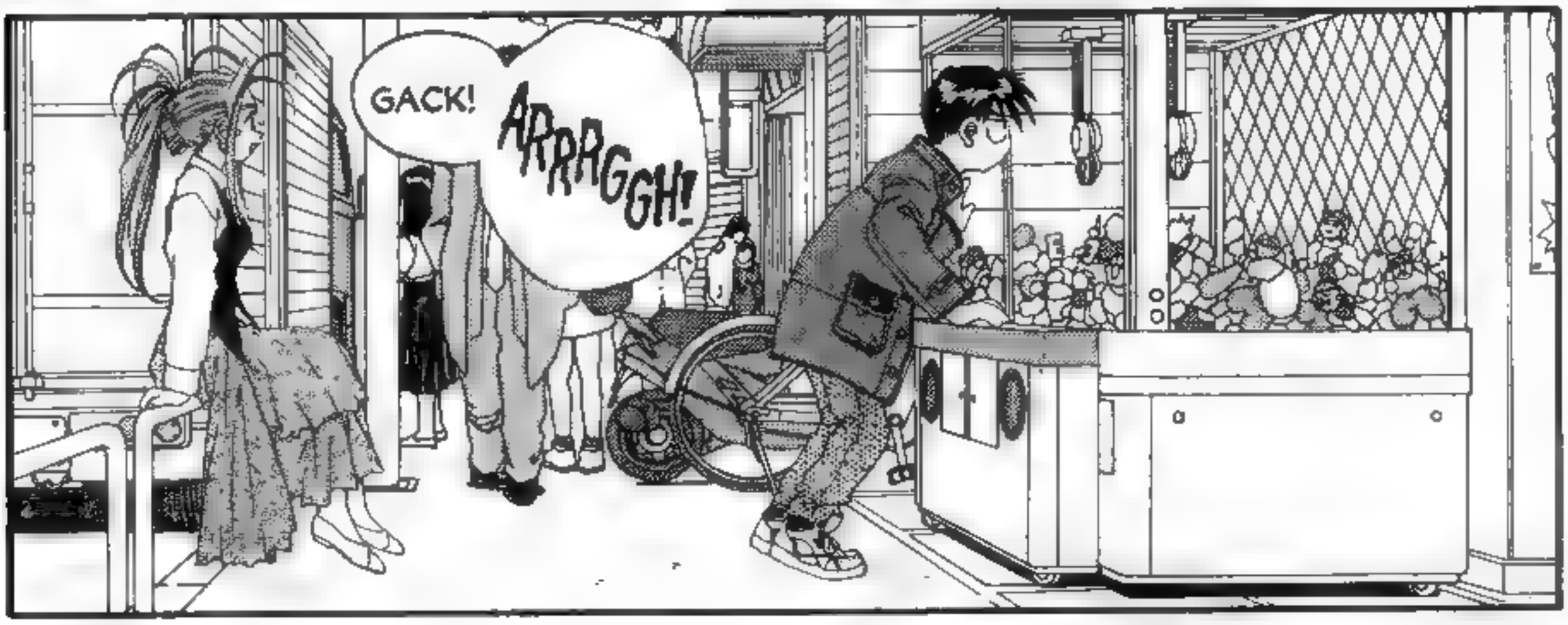
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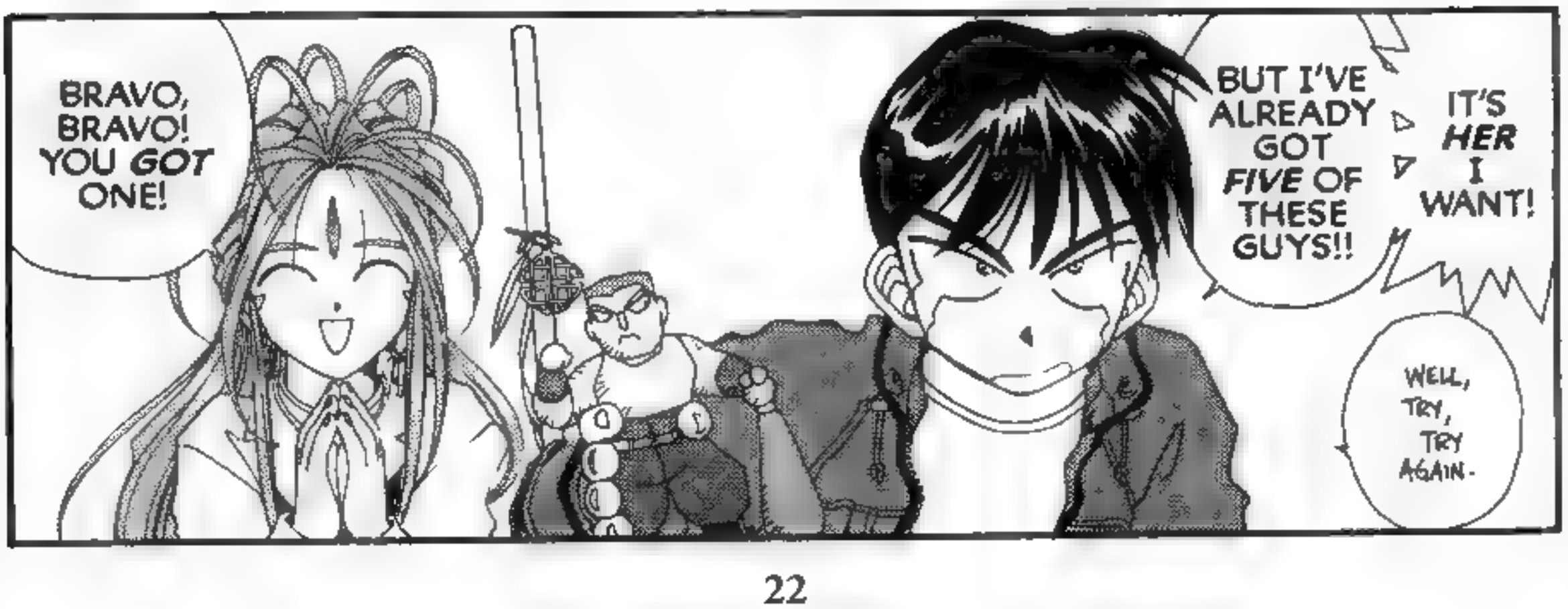
BRAVO, BRAVO! YOU *GOT* ONE!
BUT I'VE ALREADY GOT *FIVE* OF THESE GUYS!!
IT'S *HER* I WANT!
WELL, TRY, TRY AGAIN.

AHH... IT'S LIKE A DREAM.

THE LOVELY LADY BELL-DANDY, SMILING BESIDE ME.

B- BUT... WHAT IS THIS?

EVERY TIME HER HAIR BRUSHES ME, THIS HEART THAT SHOULD BE SO JOYFUL...

...SLIPS DEEPER INTO DESPAIR.

=Sighh=

MY LADY... WHY WAS I BORN A FLYING BROOM?

IF ONLY I'D BEEN BORN HUMAN...

...MY LIFE MIGHT BE AS CAREFREE AS HIS.

I UNDER-STAND YOU... TOTALLY.

CAREFREE?

I CAN HEAR YOU...

...BUT IT'S OKAY, PAL.

GACK!

NOT EXACTLY CAREFREE. BUT

RATS! ONE MORE TRY!

OOPS THAT SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER!

...?

YOU KNOW MR STRNG-FELLOW

THERE'S SORROW IN LIFE FOR ANYONE WHO'S EVER LIVED

AND YET

WE KNOW THERE'S HAPPINESS WAITING FOR US, TOO

MY LADY?

YOU KNOW, YOU AND I ONLY MET BECAUSE YOU WERE BORN A BROOM...

...?

...I WAS BORN A GODDESS...

...AND KEIICHI WAS BORN HUMAN.

THE FATES BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER...

...AND THAT'S HAPPINESS ENOUGH FOR ME.

NOW! IT'S YOUR CHANCE!

OOH!

ASK HER!

MY LADY B-*BELL-DANDY!*

PLEASE--

SORRY!

SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT WE GOTTA GO!

HAH! YOU DIRTY RAT!

CAN'T TAKE IT, HUH? *JEALOUS,* HUH?!

GIMME A BREAK!

WHAT HAPPENED, KEIICHI?

THIS LETTER-- IT'S FROM CHIHIRO.

OH! THE SPECIAL DELIVERY!

Yo K-1! How's it hangin'?! Hey, when I took my Domani for a spin along the river yesterday, I was surrounded by so many kids I couldn't even move. They wanted to know what TV show I was in! Aren't they supposed to be in school? What a hassle. Anyway, how about sometime you and I go touring, your Beamer and my Domani? (But don't get any funny ideas, buster!)

UH, ACTUALLY, YOU CAN SKIP PAGE ONE...

Anyway, down to business. We have an important decision to make, you and I, so be at the old clubhouse at 16:00 hours on the 23rd.

I'll be waiting for you.

-Chihiro

PS It concerns your job, so don't be late!

ER... DON'T ASK ME WHAT THAT FIRST BIT WAS ALL ABOUT.

OH NO! IT'S ALREADY TEN TO FOUR!

WELL, I DON'T KNOW HER CELL PHONE NUMBER, SO... TOUGH LUCK.

THIS IS SERIOUS, KEIICHI!

I'LL FLY YOU THERE!!

SHEESH, BELL. YOU DON'T NEED TO DO *THAT.*

IT'S JUST *CHIHIRO.* I'M SURE I CAN BE A *LITTLE* LATE...

NO!

IF IT'S ABOUT YOUR JOB, WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!

WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU THERE *RIGHT* ON TIME!

I'M A BROOM THAT FLIES BY MAGIC, SO I KNOW...

...EXACTLY HOW DIFFICULT AND EXHAUSTING IT IS TO FLY CARRYING ANOTHER PERSON. AND I KNOW LADY BELLDANDY WON'T HESITATE TO USE UP EVERY *OUNCE* OF HER STRENGTH.

ALL FOR THIS GUY, THIS DARN KEIICHI. *ALL RIGHT, THEN!*

NO-- I'LL FLY YOU *BOTH!*

WHSSSSHHHH

IT'S TRUE... I WAS BORN A FLYING BROOM.

THIS MAY BE ALL I CAN DO...

...BUT FOR *HER*, I'LL DO MY BEST!

AND IF...

...IF THAT MAKES HER GIVE ME A SMILE, THEN...

THEN...

gasp

whuppz

ACK... TH-THAT MUST'A BEEN *TWICE* AS FAST AS BEFORE!

hahh

MR. STRING-FELLOW ...?

THANK YOU.

I'M IN YOUR DEBT... AGAIN.

....

N-
NO.

YOU...
YOU'VE
PAID
ME
BACK...

...A
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HEY?

WHAT
TH--?

DON'T
TELL
ME--!!

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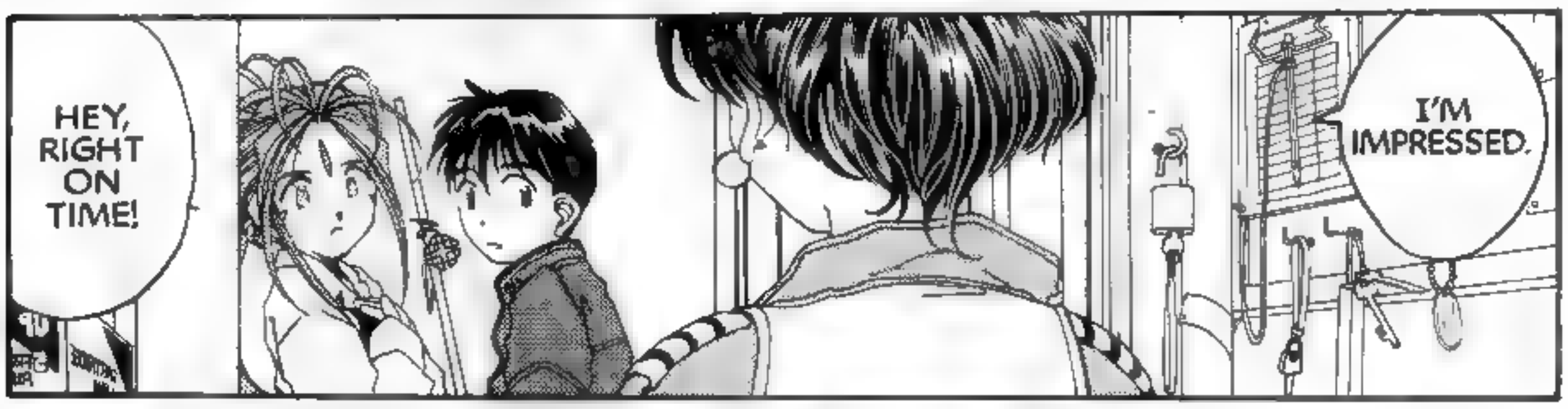
HEY, RIGHT ON TIME!
I'M IMPRESSED.

SO, LET'S GET RIGHT DOWN TO BUSINESS. *THIS* ONE OR *THIS* ONE...
...WHICH DO YOU PREFER?
I AM WHIRLWIND
I AM WHIRLWIND

HMM... THIS ONE.
OKAY!
THIS ONE IT IS!
I COULDN'T MAKE UP MY MIND.

DON'T TELL ME *THIS* IS WHY...
YEP.

I MEAN, HEY, IT'S *IMPORTANT*, RIGHT?

IT'S THE LOGO FOR MY NEW STORE! *OUR* NEW STORE!

...!

OH?!

WHO... *IS* SHE?! ♥

LEMME GO!

CUT IT OUT, YOU PSYCHO BROOM!

BUT SHE'S *SO* DREAMY! I GOTTA HAVE HER *SWEEP WITH ME!*

LIKE I SAID... HE'S JUST PLAIN *GIRL-CRAZY.*

NEXT: "CALL ME 'QUEEN'...!"

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Since our story this month deals with love and attraction, we thought we'd run a few letters from fans who have found true love through our pen-pal list! These heartfelt letters are right below, after our current pen-pal list update, and they relate stories of folks who have been swept off their feet through shared letters!

Sure, you could buy *OMG!* for the story or art, but it's so cool that this series has done so much more! Enough from us — let's hear from our readers!

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Dear Sirs,

My wife and I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to let you know how Dark Horse Comics, *Oh My Goddess!*, and manga/anime in general have all combined to affect our lives in a very dramatic way.

In the fall of 1995, I was first introduced to the world of manga through your publication of the *Oh My Goddess!* series. I was so excited by this new discovery that I wrote the first and only fan letter of my life to the Enchantress column, asking readers to write to me with more information on *OMG!* and manga in general. One of the readers who replied to my fan letter was a young lady named Jennifer. To make a long story short, Jennifer and I wrote to one another regularly, first through the U.S. Mail and then through e-mail. Our relationship went from that of being mere acquaintances who shared similar interests (primarily anime/manga), to one of good friends, then to great friends, and then beyond. Three years later, we are now married and expecting our first child at the end of the year!

We want to thank the great people at Dark Horse Comics for the excellent work you have all been doing in bringing the world of manga to the U.S. market. Without you, Jennifer and I would never have met and our lives would not be as rich and fulfilling as they have become during these past three years. Not to mention, the new life that Dark Horse helped to bring into this world in the form of our first child!

Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
Eric and Jennifer DeBlackmere
Little Rock, Arkansas

Thanks to you both for writing and sharing your story. Good luck with your little one!

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Dear Mike and staff at Dark Horse,

Two years ago, I wrote a fan letter to the best comic in the world. I was so in love with the story and the art of *Oh My Goddess!* and I just had to write and say, "Thank you." Once more, I reached out for pen pals.

Through the years, I've met some kind and interesting pen pals with all kinds of stories from each one. I am so thankful for all the wonderful friends I meet along the way via my pen pals. We all relate through anime and manga, but especially through *Oh My Goddess!*

Well, two years ago today I wrote to a person who I found very special and unique. We were so similar in many things in life, but

we shared a common bond through *Oh My Goddess!* This person became a special friend in my life. Then soon best friends, and then loves. Our life is so much like *Oh My Goddess!* it seems hard to believe. And this is why I thank Dark Horse. I thank Dark Horse for the pen-pal page, for letting me find my true love, for printing my letters and picture, but more importantly...I thank Dark Horse for bringing *Oh My Goddess!* to the United States and into my life!!

I have had wonderful pen pals that gave me confidence and hope. They've been my Skuld and Urd!

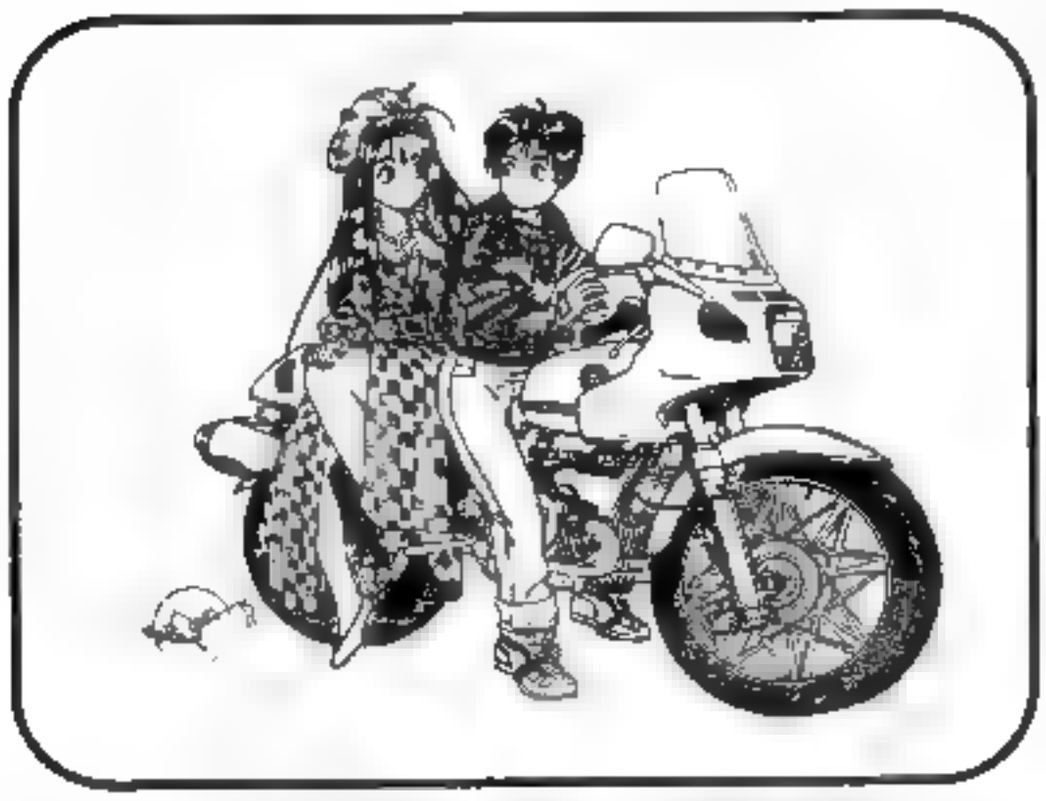
Thank you so much for the pages of *Oh My Goddess!* I will always cherish these comics. If it wasn't for *Oh My Goddess!* and the pen pals, I would never have met my true love...my Keiichi. Keep up the continuing good work! This is a very special book!

Martha Clark
Kissimmee, Florida

A fan letter about love from *Kissimmee*, Florida!?! That's very poetic and sweet! Best of luck to you and yours, Martha, and thanks for the great fan art!

fan art by Martha Clark • Kissimmee, Florida

See you next issue for more fun 'n' snuggliness!
— p.s. & MikeH!



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Next Issue

Poor Sayoko! The former queen of Nekomi Tech has never been the same since the goddess Belldandy arrived and stole away the hearts of the student body. Now it's time for the annual Campus Queen contest again, and Sayoko wants to win so bad she'd sell her soul to the demon Mara! Can Keiichi and the goddesses rescue Sayoko from her own dream before she pays the demonic price — and drags the entire campus down with her? "Queen Sayoko" begins with part one next month, on sale September 6!

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The story so far

College student Keiichi Morisato accidentally dialed a wrong number and summoned the goddess Belldandy! After granting Keiichi's wish that she stay with him forever, Belldandy and her sisters, Urd and Skuld, are living with him — and having plenty of misadventures! College life just hasn't been the same since Belldandy and her sisters started hanging out around Nekomi Tech — especially for Sayoko, the most popular girl in school ..

Cast of characters

Keiichi Morisato
Nekomi Tech student who dialed a wrong number and unwittingly summoned the goddess Belldandy.

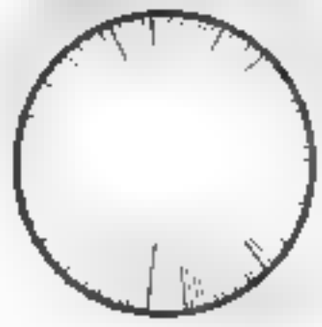
Belldandy
Goddess First Class (Unlimited) Very loving, very kind.

Urd
Goddess Second Class (Limited) Belldandy's big sister Very sexy, very naughty.

Skuld
Goddess Second Class (Limited) Belldandy's little sister Very smart, slightly bratty.

Sayoko
The most popular, beautiful, and smart girl at Nekomi Tech — before Belldandy showed up. And Sayoko HATES competition!

Mara
Demon First Class.
Very wicked and vengeful especially towards Goddesses.



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OH GLORIOUS STARS... HEAR THIS, MY HUMBLE WISH.

HEAR ME, AND *GRANT IT.*

I'LL WHISPER IT SO SOFTLY, IT MAY BE LOST IN THE MURMUR OF THE SPACE BETWEEN THE STARS...

BUT PLEASE...

...PLEASE HEAR ME... AND BE MERCIFUL.

ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU MAKE ME...

...THE NEKOMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOL-OGY'S--

--Campus Queen!!

AHH! I CAN HEAR THE STARS CHEERING ME ON!

MAKE ME THE NEKOMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY'S CAMPUS QUEEN!!
MAN HOW CAN SHE BE PRAYING FOR SOMETHING SO POINTLESS AND STUPID
WITH THAT MUCH SINCERITY AND MIND-FORCE?

OH, WELL. WHATEVER.

ASK AND YE SHALL ***RECEIVE,*** MY DEAR!

AND BESIDES, THIS IS JUST PERFECT, ISN'T IT?

BWA HA HA!!

THE NEXT DAY

QUEEN: BELLDA

QUE

LAST YEAR, I NEVER HAD A CHANCE.

IT WAS OVER BEFORE IT STARTED.

SAD BUT TRUE

(LAST YEAR'S QUEEN: BELLDANDY)

NEKOMI TECH
CAMPUS QUEEN CONTEST
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

(UNDERGRADUATES ONLY) CONTACT: CQC@NIT.EDU

AFTER ALL, WHEN YOUR OPPONENT'S A *WITCH*...

....
....

YOU'RE REAL COMPE-TITION, GIRL.

SUCH A SWEET, INNOCENT FACE...

"YET BEHIND THAT FACADE, YOU BEWITCHED THEM ALL WITH YOUR *LASCIVIOUS SPELLS!*

"I'M *SHOCKED*... I'M *APPALLED*... I'M..."

I'M... *TOTALLY ENVIOUS!!*

AHH! I WANT MAGICAL POWERS, *TOO!!*

HEAVENS ABOVE... GRANT ME POWER.

POWER!!

AND IF NOT THE HEAVENS ABOVE...

...THEN *HELL BELOW!* YES! I WOULD EVEN *SELL MY SOUL!*

YOU DESIRE... POWER?

YES. YES!!

YOU WISH TO BE THE CAMPUS QUEEN OF NEKOMI TECH?

YES! I WISH IT!

THERE IS... ONE CONDITION.

IF YOU SAY "SELL MY SOUL," THAT'LL BE *SO* LAME.

OH, ALL RIGHT THEN. SO BE IT. I WILL NOT FORCE YOU.

DEAL!

UH... DIDN'T YOU JUST *SAY* YOU'D SELL IT?

FIGURE OF SPEECH.

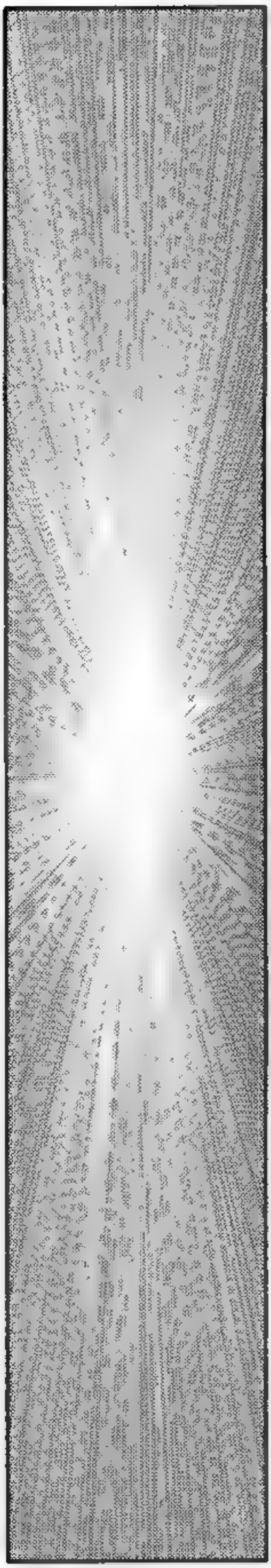
NO KIDDING?

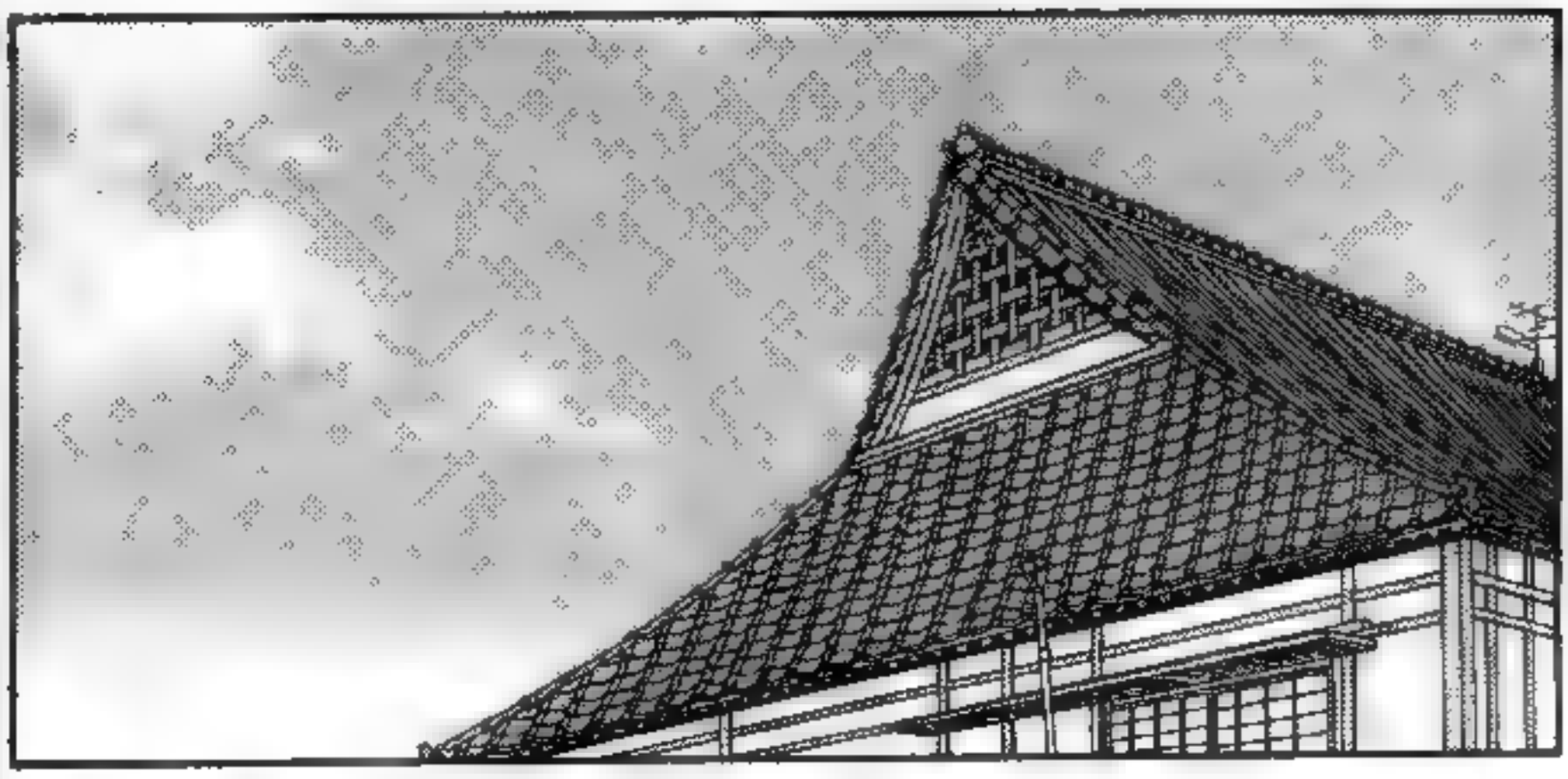
THEN SUMMON YOUR STRENGTH OF WILL... AND *PRAY!*

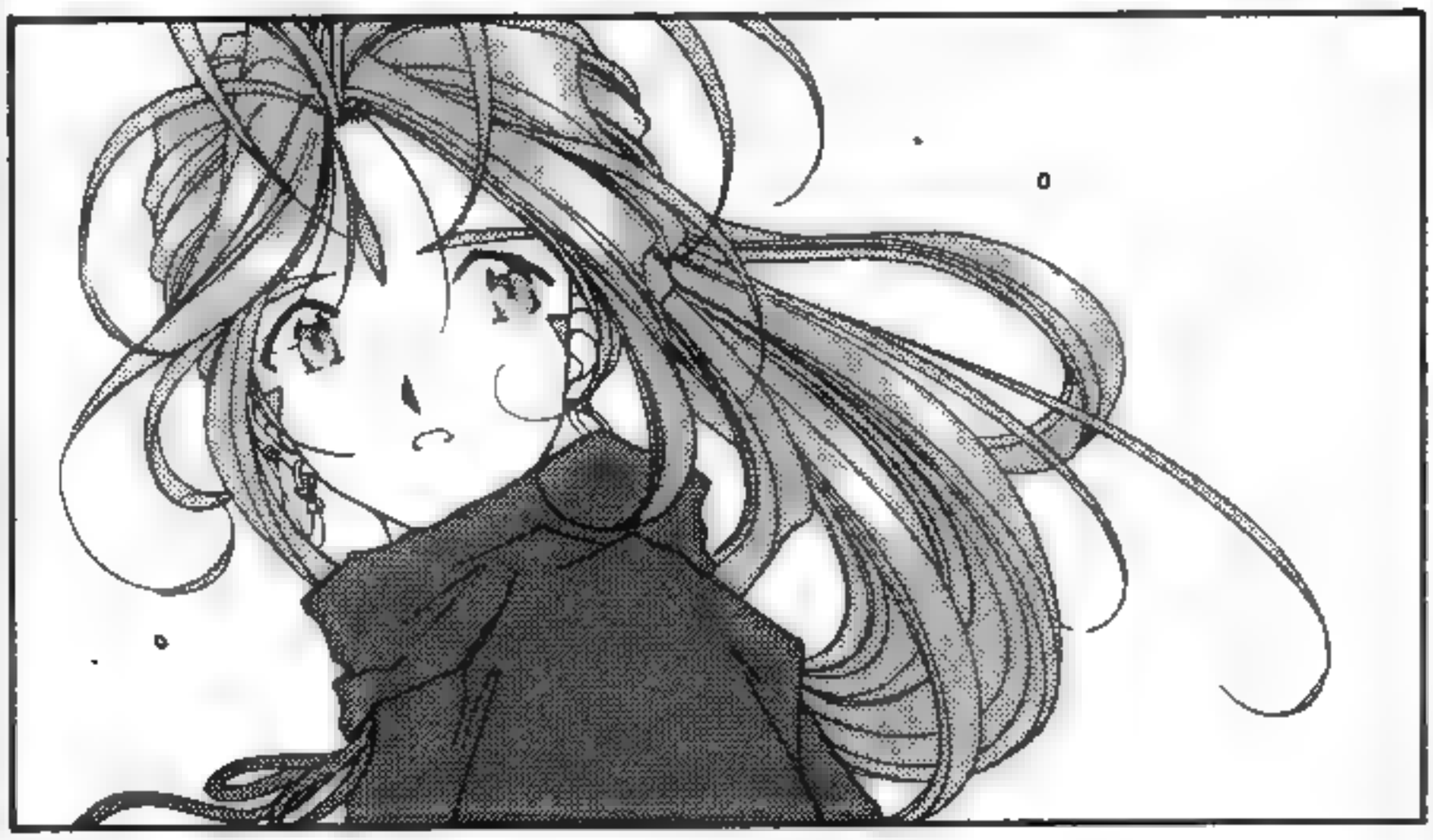
GIVE ME POWER!

STRONGER!

MAKE ME THE CAMPUS QUEEN OF NEKOMI TECH!!







EXCUSE ME, KEIICHI, BUT... MIND IF I GO ON AHEAD?

CLEARANCE

HUH?

I.I.T.

OH?!

BUT WE'RE PRACTICALLY THERE! WHY-- ??

URD? SKULD ...?

YEAH, WE FELT IT, TOO. CHECK IT OUT.

!?

OH! IS THIS...

...THE UNIVERSITY ?!

WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK?

BASICALLY, THAT IT IS JUST *SO* TACKY.

I WASN'T TALKING TO *YOU!*

YEAH. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

THIS SETUP JUST AIN'T HER STYLE.

SO, ANYWAY... WHO DO YOU THINK IS RESPONSIBLE, BELL?

IT MUST BE MARA.

AND YET...

WELL, WE WON'T GET ANYWHERE JUST GABBING ABOUT IT!

I'M GOING IN!

WHOA! HEY! *STOP!*

OHHH!

MY QUEEN, MY PERFECT, LOVELY *QUEEN!!*

I LIVE ONLY TO *SERVE YOU!*

OH?! *NO! MY QUEEN!* I--

HAH ...?

IT'S A *MIND-FORCE* FIELD!! THE BIGGEST AND STRONGEST I'VE EVER SEEN!

N-NO KIDDING! EVEN *I* COULDN'T RESIST IT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "EVEN *I*"...?

=whew= CLOSE CALL.

HEY!

N.I.T

OH!

HUH?

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT ABOUT?

SUDDENLY YOU JUST VANISHED, AND--

=hff=

=hff=

GACK?!

WHAT TH--?! LEMME SEE...

NO!!

OOH! ♥ *QUEEN SAYOKO*, YOUR ROYAL MAJESTY!

MAKE THIS MISERABLE WRETCH YOUR *SLAVE!!*

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT.. C'MON!

WAIT!

"QUEEN *SAYOKO*" ...?

MEANING...

SAYOKO DID THIS? BUT... HOW??

WHO IS THE *FAIREST* OF THEM ALL?

OUR LADY SAYOKO!!

AND WHO IS THE *WISEST* OF THEM ALL?

OUR LADY SAYOKO!!

AND WHO DO YOU CALL YOUR *QUEEN?*

OUR LADY SAYOKO!!

Call me Queen

ALL HAIL...

QUEEN SAYOKO!!

NOW.

PROFESSOR KAJIGAYA... BOW BEFORE ME!

MY LADY!!

MY GRADUA-TION THESIS...

TELL ME AGAIN.

YES, *MY QUEEN!* IT WAS TRULY A WORK OF *SUBLIME PERFECTION.*

YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT KAJIGAYA WAS STRUCK DUMB BY YOUR GENIUS!

AS I READ YOUR BRILLIANT DISSERTATION, I COULD THINK ONLY OF THE NOBEL PRIZE YOU WOULD SURELY WIN. blah, blah..

WHAT'S THAT?

HMPH!

HERE, I AM THE LAW! I AM ORDER AND JUSTICE!

THOSE WHO OBEY MAY GAZE UPON MY BEAUTY AND HEAR MY GLORIOUS WORDS.

BUT TO THOSE WHO TURN THEIR BACK...

WE WILL PUNISH THEM, MY QUEEN!

WOW.

THESE ACTUALLY *WORK!*

OF COURSE. *I* MADE THEM.

YEAH, BUT...

...DO I *REALLY* HAFTA WEAR IT?

OF COURSE! IT'S THE SKULD *WILL WAVE WALL SHIELDED RIBBON CABLE,* MARK 1!

THE WIRES ARE MADE OF *ANTI-MIND-FORCE METAL,* AND WOVEN IN A PRECISE PATTERN TO CANCEL OUT THE SPECIFIC MIND-FORCE WAVES.

IF YOU TOOK IT OFF EVEN FOR A *SECOND,* YOU'D BE--

HUH?

HEY!!

SAYOKO, MY QUEEN!

TO THY SIDE I COME!

EEK! KEIICHI!!

GRAB HIM, BELL! HOLD HIM DOWN!

HUMPH... MAYBE HE'D BE *HAPPIER* AS HER SLAVE...

ER... SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I JUST WANTED TO RE-TIE IT LIKE THIS.

WELL, DO THAT AGAIN, AND YOU'RE ON YOUR *OWN*, BUSTER!

THIS MIND-FORCE FIELD IS *SUPER* STRONG.

AND IT'S GOING TO GET STRONGER AS WE--

?!

HEY, IT'S TAMIYA AND OTAKI!!

I WONDER IF THEY'RE UNDER THE INFLUENCE, TOO... HMM.

GEEZ... THEY ALWAYS LOOK SO SCARY *ANYWAY...*

...I CAN'T REALLY TELL.

ER... TAMIYA. D-DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

YEAH. YOU IS *KEIICHI MORISATO.*

SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE OKAY.

YOU IS THE ROTTEN, STINKIN', ***LOUSY LITTLE SKUNK*** DAT WON'T...

...PLEDGE LOYALTY TO OUR ***GLORIOUS QUEEN SAYOKO!***

uh-oh

...

VICTORY TO THE ***SWIFT!!***

WHSSSH

?!?

WHSSSH

HUH? WHAT TH--?!

TAMI MY!

OTTIE!

THE TEAMWORK OF *BROTHERLY LOVE!*

DA FIERY HELL UV *MUSCLE HEAT!*

TAKE *THAT!* THE BURNING CALORIC OUTPUT OF *BUFFED-OUT MUSCLES!*

AAGH! HOT HOT *HOT!!*

AN' DUH *REFRESHIN' SMELL* OF OUR *SMOLDERIN' SPIRIT!*

RU-GH!

AND NOW, BROTHER TAMIYA... *SQUEEZE!*

AUGH!

HELP ME! BELL! URD!!

=sighh= WHAT A PAIN. AH, WELL.

URD BOLT, STRI--

HUH?

HOLY WIND PRESS!

FWOOSH

W-WOW! AN *ATTACK* SPELL?! SIS *NEVER* USES THOSE!

SHE'S ACTUALLY... *ANGRY?*

ENDLESS NIGHT

BELL-DANDY... MY SWEET, SWEET SISTER.

POOR TAMIYA...

POOR OTAKI...

F-
FORGIVE
ME!

....
....

LOOK--
IT MAY BE
BETTER IF
YOU STOP
RIGHT HERE,
BELLDANDY.

B-
BUT...

THE PROBLEM
IS THAT
YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO
CONSIDER
EVERYONE
IN THIS
PALACE YOUR
ENEMY.

PEOPLE
YOU'VE
TRUSTED.
PEOPLE WHO
TRUSTED
YOU.
EVEN YOUR
FRIENDS.

I KNOW
YOU--
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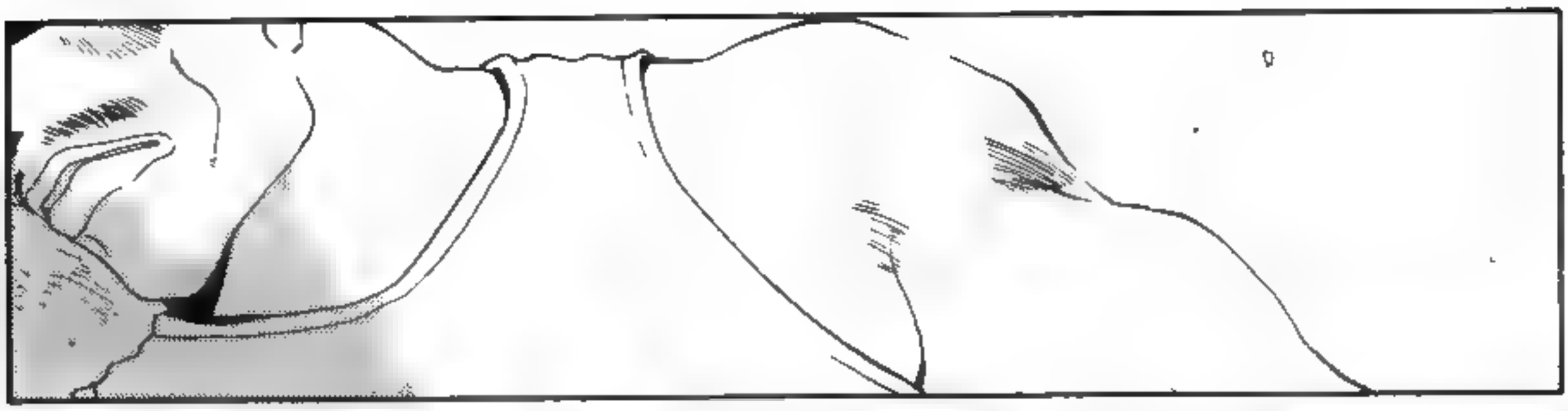
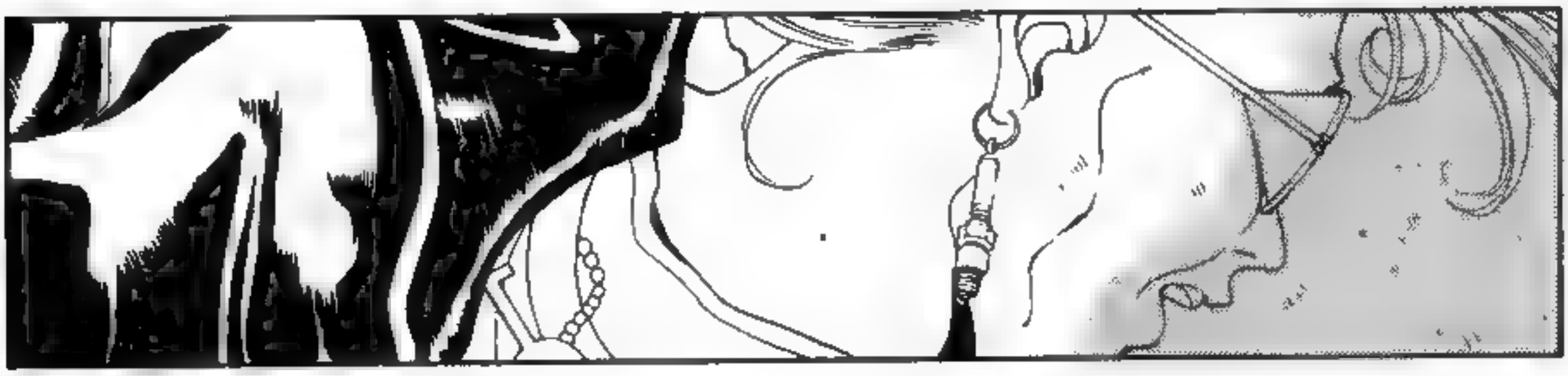
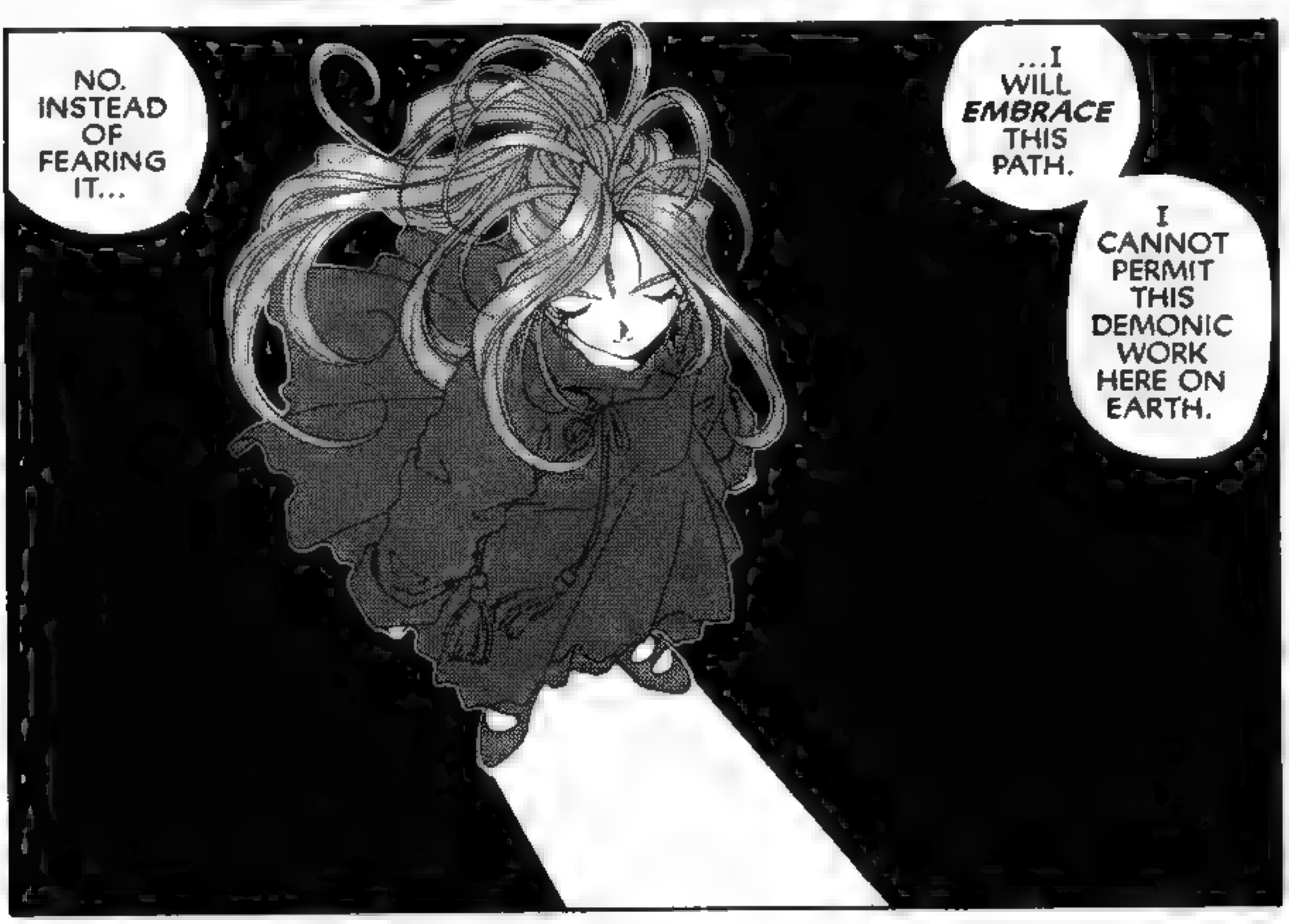




YES. PERHAPS. YET, EVEN SO...
...I KNOW IT MUST BE DONE TO SAVE THEM.


NO. INSTEAD OF FEARING IT...
...I WILL *EMBRACE* THIS PATH.
I CANNOT PERMIT THIS DEMONIC WORK HERE ON EARTH.

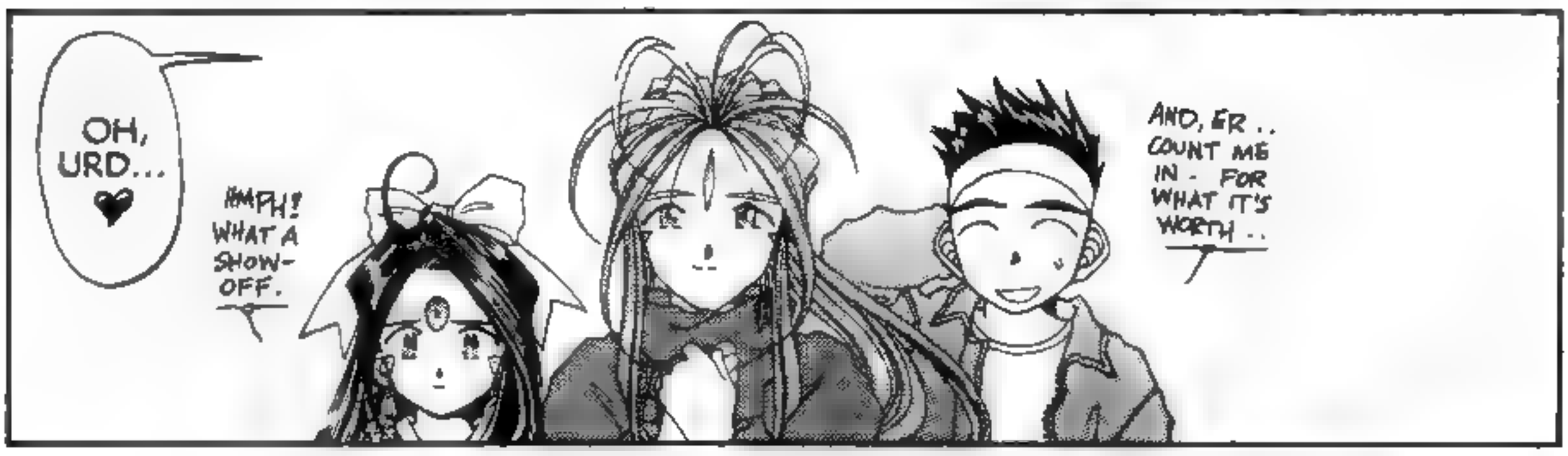
AND IF THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THEIR SOULS IS BY SCARRING MY OWN HEART THEN

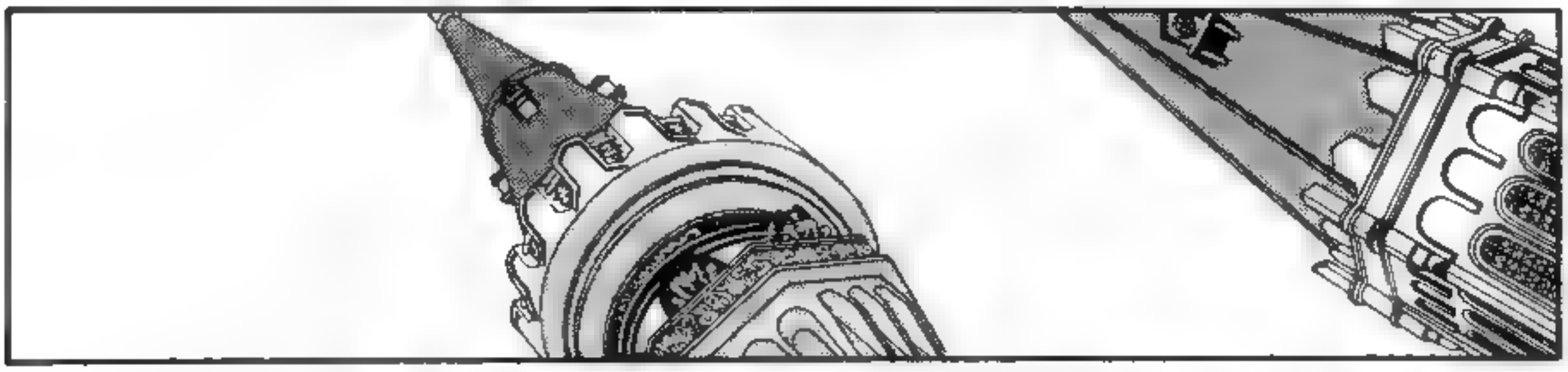
I WILL GLADLY ACCEPT THE PAIN

{Sigh}

OKAY YOUR CALL

BUT I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER ONE THING BELL-DANDY--





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Dear Enchantress,

So much comics work is full of blood and gore, brutality and anger. In *Oh My Goddess!*, I see something that gives to the soul and spirit. People need to trust, hope, smile, and shed tears of joy. *OMG!* is for these people, like me. *OMG!* is my favorite manga for joy.

Truth, simple honesty, sweetness, and a glad gleam of an eye looking to the future, no guile or cluttering lies.

OMG! reminds me that life can be beautiful and full of goodness. Keiichi's in the process of self discovery, and new vistas await him and his loving Belldandy and his sister as she's growing. We get to see this, and it's a grand thing.

Motorcycles, hot rods, astronomy, anime, manga, and spiritual growth fill my life now, and thank you for the opportunity to share Keiichi and Belldandy's world. It's great.

Rivers of steel, spokes in the sky; ah, but stars so numerous like love and joy, you wonder why. But it's right before us, the hope and joy of things we all shall see.

Chris M. Loomis
Lynnwood, WA

Thanks for the poetic letter, Chris. As per your request, we've added your address to our *OMG!* pen-pal list!

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Dear Enchantress,

Other titles have come and gone, but Fujishima's work has remained relevant throughout my tenure as a manga reader. I've gone from fanboy to otaku to post-otaku to Asian Studies student. I've gone from zero Japanese ability to near fluency (a silly pastime of mine is to compare the brilliant Studio Proteus translations with the originals). And still, I look forward to every issue the same way I did five years ago.

This is clearly some kind of testament to both Fujishima's storytelling ability and Dark Horse's presentation of said ability. As a high school student, I identified with Keiichi's fumbling attempts at romance. Now, as a college student, I identify with his daily life and the weirdness that always seems to go with college. Somehow, although Fujishima's subjects and themes often seem fantastic, they tap into the sense of immediate and real wonder that I felt reading adventure books as a child. The suspension of disbelief is effective in a profound way. This sort of magical quality is rare. Dark Horse treats this masterpiece with the respect it deserves, a respect all too often missing in modern English renditions of manga.

Dark Horse and Studio Proteus consistently bring manga to the English-speaking world with higher production values than anybody in the industry. Once, I naively entertained fantasies that I could someday work as a translator for you or some similar outfit. Now, of course, I realize the folly inherent in the idea. Translation is hard. No, not just hard, profoundly difficult. Yet *Oh My Goddess!* never fails to be rendered into English elegantly and simply. My hat is off to you. Keep publishing, and I'll keep buying. The best, no doubt, is yet to come.

Paul Starr
via e-mail

Thanks for the encouraging letter, Paul. If *Oh My Goddess!* teaches us anything, it's the lesson that dreams CAN come true. Whether it's Asian Studies or translating texts, best of luck to you!

Dear Enchantress,

I don't really have anything special to say, other than that Belldandy is my favorite manga/anime character of all. She is surely the kindest, gentlest, most loving and loveable character ever created. And anyone who can conceive and bring to life someone like Belldandy as Fujishima-sensei does must be really likeable, too.

I have been following the series in *Afternoon* as well as buying Dark Horse's comics, and I can tell that, although the stories now span several episodes, they are still as funny, off-the-wall, and heartwarming as ever. To think that Fujishima-sensei has been keeping this series going month after month since 1988! The man is a genius.

I'm delighted to see you're now printing *Seraphic Feather* and *Shadow Star* (or Naru-Taru as it's called originally) **[In our sister title, *Super Manga Blast!* — p.s.]**. Shiina-chan is a nice girl I wouldn't mind having as a friend, and Kei Heidemann is a consummate cutie!

Keep up the good work!

Thomas McKee
London, England

Thanks, Thomas! From great fan letters to great fan art, keep sending it all in! See you all in thirty for more action-packed, humorous romance!

— p.s. & MikeHi

by John Peters – Baltimore, Maryland

by Roy del Castillo – Deland, Florida

Next Issue

It's part two of the "Queen Sayoko" story line! Keiichi, Belldandy, and the other Goddesses brave Sayoko's newly conjured castle to find out who is really behind her powers and the hijacking of Nekomi Tech! Sayoko's castle is full of more traps than a fur hunter's hut — the Goddess Skuld takes on the bomb-crazy maniacs of the Nekomi Chemistry Department! Urd fights the brawny boys of the Nekomi Gamers' Club! And the deceptively sweet ladies of the Nekomi Tech Tea Club have a special surprise for Keiichi and Belldandy! The race to reach Sayoko's inner sanctum and rescue the campus is on, in stores October 4!

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The story so far

College student Keiichi Morisato accidentally dialed a wrong number and summoned the goddess Belldandy! After granting Keiichi s wish that she stay with him forever, Belldandy and her sisters, Urd and Skuld, are living with him — and having plenty of misadventures! Jealous of Belldandy's reign as campus queen of Nekomi Tech, Sayoko is aided by Mara, a Demon First Class, who transforms the entire campus into Sayoko's twisted kingdom! Will Keiichi and the goddesses be able to put things right.. or will they be assimilated into Sayoko's nightmarish alternate reality. .?

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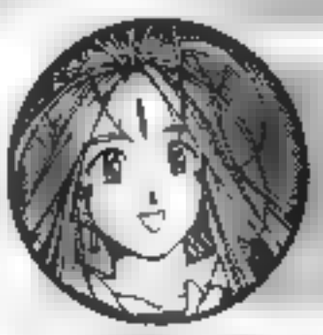
Keiichi Morisato
Nekomi Tech student who dialed a wrong number and unwittingly summoned the goddess Belldandy.



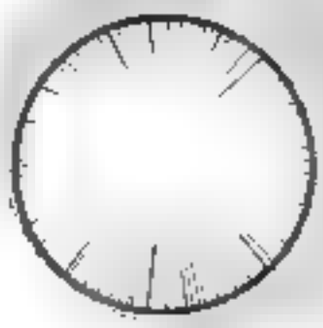
Belldandy
Goddess First Class (Unlimited). Very loving, very kind.

Urd
Goddess Second Class (Limited) Belldandy's big sister Very sexy, very naughty.

Skuld
Goddess Second Class (Limited). Belldandy's little sister Very smart, slightly bratty.

Sayoko
The most popular, beautiful, and smart girl at Nekomi Tech — before Belldandy showed up. And Sayoko HATES competition!

Mara
Demon First Class.
Very wicked and vengeful — especially towards Goddesses.



The Almighty
Almighty.

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And then there was one...

COME INTO MY CASTLE, AND *PLAY!*

AND THE PRIZE ...?

FOR LOYALTY... MY *LOVE!*

FOR TREASON... MY *PUNISHMENT!*

NOW, EVERYONE BE *REAL* CAREFUL! WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF TRAPS SHE'S SET, RIGHT?

TMP

KLIK!

KCHAK

OWAHHH!

UH... HEH, HEH... SEE?

C'MON. ONLY *YOU'RE* DUMB ENOUGH TO FALL FOR SOMETHING *THAT* SIMPLE!

KLK!

....

SAYOKO...

BE REAL CAREFUL... RIGHT. GOOD ADVICE.

uh-huh

YEAH.

DID YOU SO WANT TO BE THE CAMPUS QUEEN...

...YOU'D EVEN JOIN HANDS WITH A *DEMON?*

HUMPH!

DID EVERY-ONE SEE THAT?

THAT VACUOUS, INNOCENT FACE?

COME NOW, EVERYONE-- *LAUGH AT HER!*

...

HA HA HA HA!

HEH... I JUST HOPE WE SHAN'T ELIMINATE THEM *ALL* AT THE ENTRANCE.

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE.

I NEED THEM TO MAKE IT THIS FAR, OR ELSE...

SKREEK

WOW ...!

KRAK

GEEZ . THIS COULDN'T LOOK MORE LIKE A TRAP IF IT TRIED.

SLAM!

=UMPH=
TRAPPED!!

NO PROB! I'LL *BLAST* IT OPEN!!

WHOA THERE-- I'M NOT QUITE READY TO COMMIT SUICIDE WITH YOU, KIDDO.

WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO HIDE FROM THE BACK-BLAST, HUH?

KTANK

?

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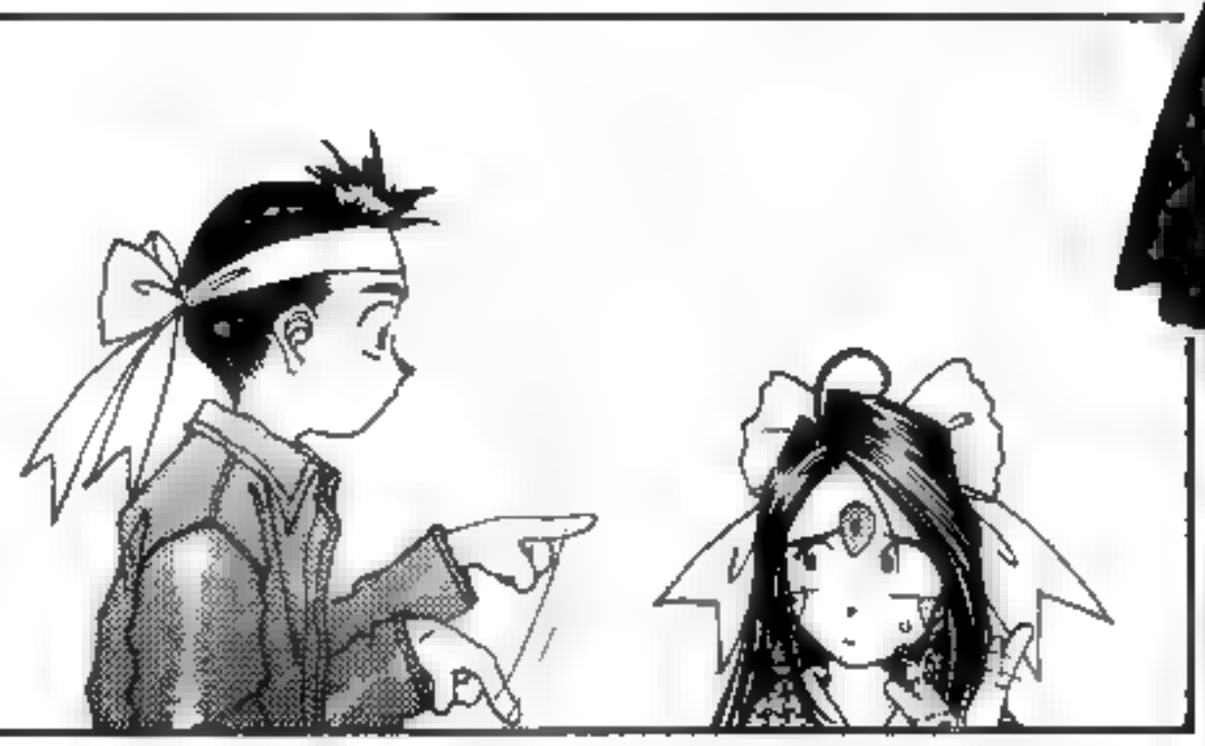
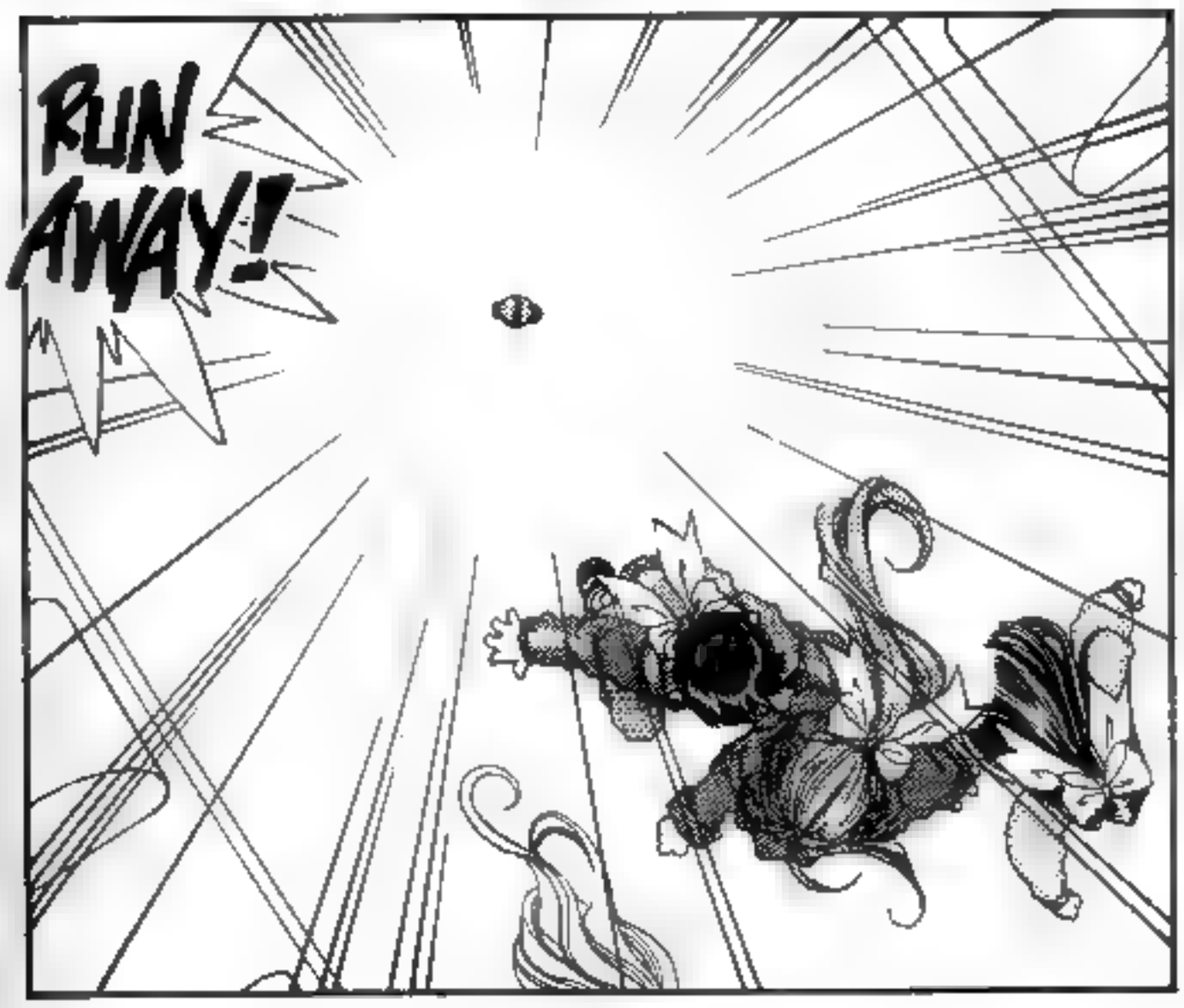



RUN
AWAY!

HAH! WE GET 'EM?

PREPARE TO COL-LECT DATA!

CHEM LAB

?!?

SIR! THE DEVICE HAD N-*NO EFFECT,* SIR!!

CHEM LAB

M LAB

FASCINATING. THIS TIME WE'LL GO WITH *TWO* OF THEM!

THREE! TWO! O-- ??

CHEM LAB

K-KANG KANG KANG

GACK!

CHEM LAB

BIG BOOM

BIG BOOM

LEAVE THIS TO ME!

YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD.

IF IT'S *BOMBS* THEY WANT...

I'M *HAPPY* TO OBLIGE. ❤

DOM

CHEM LAB

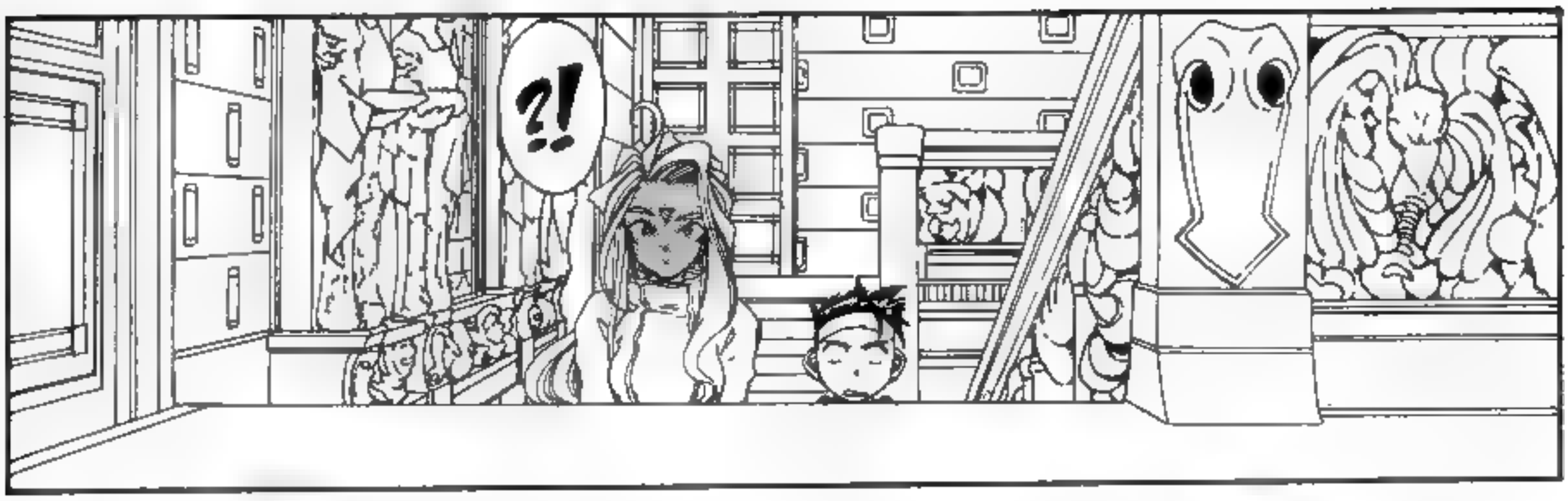
CHEM LAB

CHEM LAB

WELL... SHALL WE GO?

BUT... SKULD...

C'MON, SIS! SHE'S HAVING A *BLAST.* HEH, HEH.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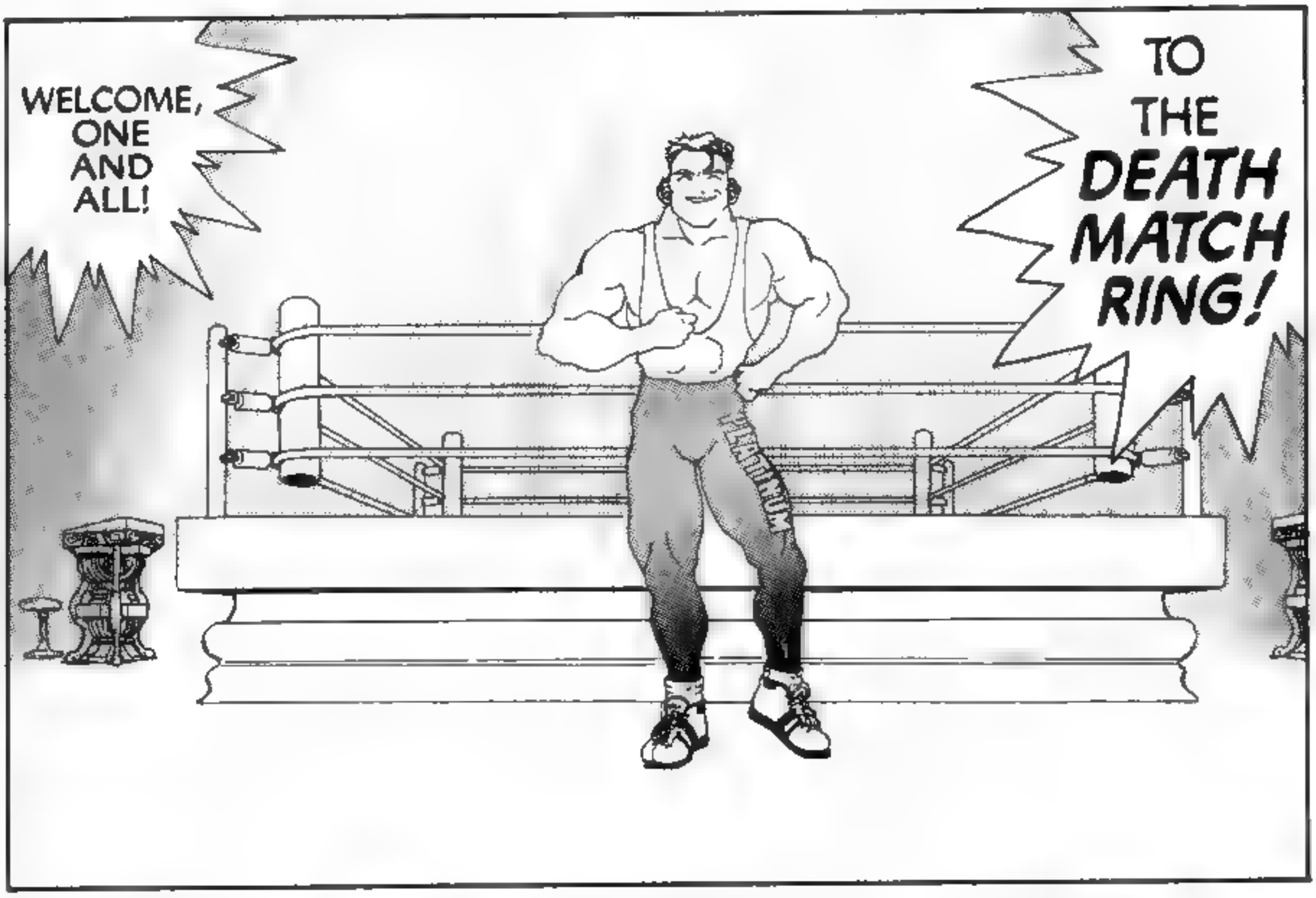

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL!
TO THE DEATH MATCH RING!

COME WITH US, DEARIE!

HUH? WAI--

PUT THIS ON! *COSTUME CHANGE!*

HEY! WAIT! *HOLD ON A SEC!!*

AND YOU-- RIGHT THIS WAY!

HUH? B- BUT...?

SIT! *SIT!*

UNABLE TO COPE, FOR ONCE.

OH ...? WHAT SHOULD I... OH??

AND NOW... *THE MAIN EVENT!*

IN THE WHITE CORNER...THE MERCILESS ANGEL OF MERCY... *URD THE NIGHTINGALE!!*

IN THE RED CORNER... THE TERRIBLE CHICKEN O' DEATH... *FROGHORN LEGHORN!*

AND... CONTROLLING FOR THE WHITE CORNER...

HUH?

EH?!

KEIICHI *"KILLER"* MORISATO!!

TA-DAH!

CONTROL-LING FOR THE RED CORNER...

YO.

PRESIDENT OF THE ARCADE GAMER'S CLUB, JOHJI "*JOYSTICK JOCKEY*" KAWABATA!!

AND NOW! OUR *VIRTUAL* FIGHTERS ARE READY!

LET THE GAME BEGIN!

I DON'T QUITE GET IT, BUT... WHO AM I TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A CHANCE TO KICK SOME BUTT?

READY! SET! *FIGHT!!*

YEEHAW! YOUR ASS IS *GRASS*, PAL! I--

...UH?

WHOA! WHA--?

WHIRR

WEIRD... WHAT DO THESE THINGS DO?

CHAKKA CHAKKA

KLIK KLIK

YOU'RE *CONTROL-LING ME,* YOU *MORON!!*

OH.

HEH...

THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG.

GIGATON WING-PUNCH!

WHOOSH

!!

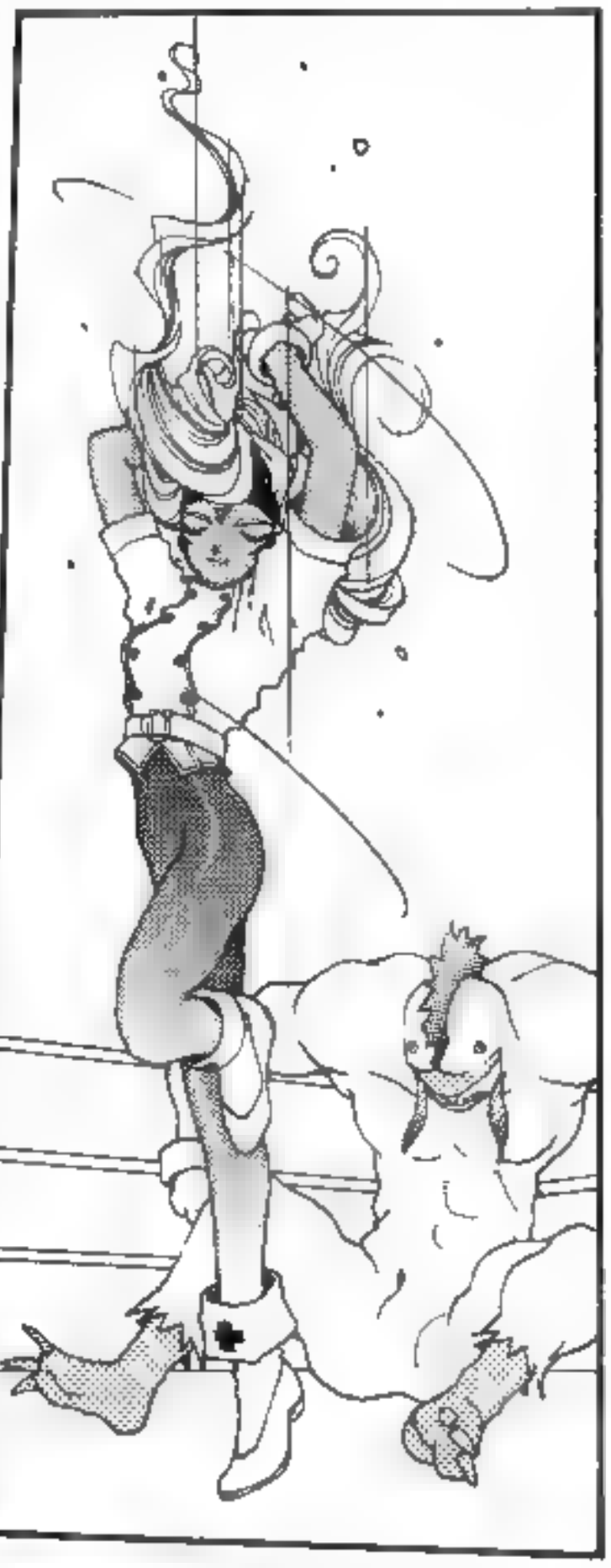
WHIP

WHAM!

ACE BANDAGE TORNADO !!

GOOD LORD! CROUCH GUARD, MEDIUM AND STRONG PUNCHES, AND A CANCEL TECHNIQUE CERTAIN VICTORY COMBO!!*

HE'S NO BEGINNER!



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KLKKA

CHAK CHAK

IN FACT, A TOTAL BEGINNER.

* **CANCEL TECHNIQUE:** ARCADE GAMER LINGO. BY INPUTTING THE NEXT COMMAND WHILE THE PREVIOUS ONE IS STILL PLAYING OUT, YOU ABBREVIATE (CANCEL) THE COMMAND PROCESS AND NOT LEAVE ANY OPENINGS TO YOUR OPPONENT. **COMBO:** BY INPUTTING YOUR NEXT COMMAND WHILE THE OPPONENT IS STILL REELING FROM THE PREVIOUS ATTACK (DURING THIS PERIOD, THE OPPONENT'S CHARACTER IS UNABLE TO FIGHT BACK), YOU CAN SET UP A SERIES OF LINKED ATTACKS. IN THIS CASE, IT WAS A "THREE-COMBO."

OKAY!

?! LIKE THIS?

THAT'S "BLOCK AND KNEE KICK"...!

NO, NO, NO!!

EEK!!

UH-OH...!!

WHEEEE...

tink

FINISHING MOVE!!

CHAKKA KLIK TAK

THE KILLER CHICKEN KICK!

WHOP

HEH, HEH!

HUH?!
HEY!!

URD BOLT !!

TH... THAT CHARACTER CAN'T... WAIT! A SECRET TECHNIQUE?!

NOPE!

FZZAK

THAT LAST THROW OF YOURS BUSTED MY CONTROL RECEIVER-- SEE?

AND NOW... DON'T YOU THINK VIRTUAL...

...ISN'T *HALF* AS NICE AS *REAL*...?

HMM?

Y-YES...

GOOD! I'M *SO* HAPPY YOU UNDER-STAND.

AND SO... *REWARD TIME.*

ECSTASY TYPHOON

OKAY, YOU TWO GO ON AHEAD.

WELL... IF YOU INSIST...

OH, DEAR... *DO* BE CAREFUL!

ME? DON'T WORRY ABOUT *ME*, SIS!

OF COURSE NOT... I MEANT YOUR POOR *OPPONENTS*.

IT'S COOL, BELL. MY CHARACTER'S A *NURSE*-- I'LL FIX 'EM RIGHT UP AGAIN!

AND *AGAIN*, AND *AGAIN!!!*

HEH, HEH!♥

DIAMOND NEEDLE HYPO STAB!!

AIEEE!

MERCY!

WOW... DOESN'T THIS PLACE EVER END...?

....
....

?? BELL-DANDY?

OH ...?

HEY! ARE YOU OKAY?

IT'S JUST... THIS BUILDING IS MADE OF *PURE MIND-FORCE.*

AND LOOK AT HOW *ENORMOUS* IT IS!

I... I HAD *NO* IDEA SHE COULD BE SO OBSESSED WITH BEING CAMPUS QUEEN.

MAYBE...

"MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE FORFEITED MY TITLE"...? RIGHT?

...

NO.

NO, I KNOW THE TRUTH. IF I'D DONE THAT, THE ONE WHO'D BE MOST DISAP-POINTED...

...WOULD HAVE BEEN SAYOKO HER-SELF.

SHE'D RATHER WIN IT HER OWN WAY.

THAT'S THE HEART OF SAYOKO'S PERSONALITY.

AND IT'S THE THING I LIKE BEST ABOUT HER, TOO.

YEAH. I'M WITH YOU ON THAT.

BUT IT'S THE *WORST* THING ABOUT HER PERSONALITY, TOO...

WOW! WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?! IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

WELCOME! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, MY DEARS.

WELCOME TO THE *TEA CLUB PARTY!*

THE "TEA CLUB" ...?!

MMM! SUCH A LOVELY AROMA!

INDEED. WE SAVOR THE SUBTLE NUANCES OF A VARIETY OF RARE TEAS...

...AND JUST CHATTER AWAY MINDLESSLY. SUCH A *LOVELY* CLUB! ♥

NOW... WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOU DO A TEA TASTING FOR US.

QUITE! AND IF YOU IDENTIFY ALL THE TEAS CORRECTLY, WE'LL LET YOU PASS.

OKAY! I CAN HANDLE *THIS* ONE!!

I JUST NEED TO NAME THE TEAS, DO I...?

ARE... AREN'T I GOOD FOR *ANYTHING?!*

OH! I'M SORRY, KEIICHI.

BUT, YOU SEE...

...TEA IS RATHER A SPECIALTY OF MINE.

AND OF *COURSE* YOU'RE GOOD FOR SOMETHING.

ALL MY POWER COMES FROM *YOU,* DEAR! ❤

THANK YOU, BELL.

STILL... WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING!

WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU'LL HELP ME-- RIGHT?

YEAH! DARN RIGHT!! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, BELL!!

♪ TEE HEE! ♪ ❤

HOW *PERFECTLY* CHARMING ...!

ASSAM NAHORHABI ESTATE.

DARJEELING KALIMPONG F.O.P.

JADE RING GREEN.

GOLDEN NEEDLE.

LION MOUNTAIN KEEMUN.

ROYAL DRAGON OOLONG.

HUBEI SILVER TIP.

THAT'S RIGHT BELL REALLY LOVES HER TEAS.

STILL, IT'S ODD...

GOODNESS! ISN'T SHE CLEVER?♥

WHY AREN'T THEY WORRIED? SHE'S GETTING THEM ALL RIGHT...

OH?! FREEZE-DRIED INSTANT...

...T ...tea...

SPLASH

BEL-DANDY!!

OH, DEARIE ME! ❤

ALL THAT WARM TEA SEEMS TO HAVE MADE HER DROWSY, MM?

tee hee!

THIS WAY, MY DEAR. YOU CAN REST OVER HERE.

HEY, YOU!

YOU *DRUGGED* HER, DIDN'T YOU?! *HEY!!*

JUST LEAVE YOUR LITTLE LADY TO US, DEARIE! *BYE-BYE!* ❤

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

DARN IT! WHERE'D THEY GO...?!

KEIICHI? I'M OVER HERE.

BELL!

...?

BELL ...?

?!?

KEIICHI.
♥

KEIICHI.
♥

FUGH!

KEIICHI.
♥

YAIEE!

NEXT: "SAYOKO OR BUST!"

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The "new" Nekomi Tech just gets weirder and weirder! We hope you're enjoying this extended *Oh My Goddess!* tale. Thanks, everyone, for sending in your great fan art and pen-pal list requests! But...well...could you guys take some time out from writing *pen pals*, to actually send us a letter? Belldandy's not too happy and misses her mail, as you can see in the illustration we'll refer to as "Belldandy-With-Love-Bat" (see Zach Thompson's picture below)!

Dear Enchantress,

Greetings from Oxnard, CA.

I would like to thank the people of Dark Horse Comics for publishing *Oh My Goddess!* The issue "Pretty in Scarlet" was a wonderful and touching story. I'm looking forward to seeing Skuld and her angel in another mini series. Also, I'm hoping to see Sora back with the gang again.

About the other manga that you are publishing. I hope that you can publish another Masakazu Katsura work after *Shadow Lady*. Could you, if possible?

Again, thank you for all the hard work that you are doing for us, the readers, in bringing *Oh My Goddess!* and other wonderful manga works here to the U.S.

I hope that you take plenty of rest from work, and I hope you are having a wonderful year.

Sincerely,
Wilson Villacorte
Oxnard, CA

Thanks for your support, Wilson! As for Scarlet and Sora returning to Keiichi and the goddesses' crazed household...well...we're not giving *anything* away! So please just enjoy the ride and wait and see! As for *resting*...our beloved manga maestro, MikeH!, is not getting *any* rest. By the time you read this, Mike will have spent busy weekends at the San Diego Con and the Chicago Con, meeting fans, spreading the manga word, and speaking at manga discussion panels. He also accepted an Eisner Award for *Blade of the Immortal*, which received an Eisner for Best U.S. Edition of Foreign Material! (So "CHEERS!" to our sister comic, *Blade of the Immortal*!) To top it off, he's recently assumed editing duties on Dark Horse's *Lone Wolf and Cub* series and the new *Silke* comic. There's no rest for the wicked!

— p.s. and MikeHI

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Next Issue

In the heart of Sayoko's twisted magic castle, with a bevy of fake Belldandys on his tail, Keiichi finds himself cut off from his friends and on the run! He stumbles into Hasegawa from Nekomi Tech Motor Club, who joins him in his search for the real Belldandy! And none too soon, for Demon (First Class) Mara has Belldandy unknowingly in her trap...and she's about to put out the final bait! Don't miss part three of our latest story arc. On sale November 1!